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WHAT! RIDGEL A BIGAMIST?

Copies of Affidavits And Marriage Licenses That Prove It.

Editor H. T. Johnson of The Christian Recorder a Witness Of The Last Marriage.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

It may be true that some of our most thoughtful and best men honestly believe that it was not wise for me to expose Missionary Ridgel to the world. I may have appeared to them as over zealous and indiscrete. They may be correct in blaming me for the wide-spread notoriety that has been given to this serious blunder by which such an individual came to be mingled with the worthy missionaries of Africa. For any and all harm that has or may come from my act, I am sincerely sorry. It was with no little reluctance that I began my first letter on the subject, and it is with no shallow regret that I watch its weary progress. I wish that it was some better and worthier man than I who had been charged with the duty of taking up the matter. It was necessity, not my personal desire, that placed me to the fore in this affair. Ridgel's slanderous attack upon the church appeared in your columns shortly after the rise of the Missionary Board. I was recording secretary and had possession of the facts that would vindicate the church, and was the nearest member of the Board, and therefore replied in defense of the church against *this man. The matter* has dragged on and on until it fills the air with its baneful stench.

However much some may honestly regret that any attention was paid to the affair in the start, all must agree that having been begun, it must be carried to the end in a spirit of straightforwardness. I ask the brethren to pardon me for the unpleasantness that has and must necessarily be engendered, but to stand by the principle that is involved. I do not make this request in vain. Let all have absolute proof that Ridgel is just what he is said to be, and no man who respects truth or right, can refuse to take his stand for the purity of the church. It is with sorrow and deep humility that I now give to the world that which must forever end this controversy so far as the papers are concerned. I have nothing to say in reply to the personal abuse that the poor and unfortunate Ridgel has seen fit to indulge. His assertion that I am Plutarch is but the reiteration of a thread bare accusation. Without further comment, all who regard God's law, and have respect for right and decency, are requested to read the following and judge for themselves. My duty is done. If the church chooses to act upon the matter at the proper time and place, all is well. Being in official possession of the following, my skirts are clear when I give them to the church and world, which latter would never have seen them had Ridgel not made it necessary.

JOHN M. HENDERSON, M. D.

Brooklyn, N. Y. Oct. 8, '94.

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MONTICELLO, ARK., Nov. 23, 1893.

I, Frances A. Ridgel, solemnly declare that I am the lawful wife of Rev. A. Lee Ridgel, who went to Africa as a Missionary, sailing from New York on Feb. 22, 1893.

The certificate of marriage which accompanies this brief statement, is a copy of the record which is to be found in the court house at Monticello, Ark. From the date of our marriage until January, 1893, we lived together as man and wife, which was about the time he took his departure for Africa.

So friendly were our relations that I accompanied him to the cars, when he promised to send for me and our two little children after he arrived in Africa. I have received but one letter since his departure, in which he requested me to send to him certain wearing apparel of his, which he had left in my possession. How he can be the lawful husband of two wives, I can not understand. We have never been divorced, and there is no record to show that any transaction of the kind has ever taken place. I still claim Rev. A. Lee Ridgel as my lawful husband and the father of our two little girls. As I am helpless to protect myself against the attempt of the woman who claims him as her husband, whom he clandestinely married on his departure for Africa, I call upon the Bishops and ministers of the African Methodist Episcopal church to protect me in my legal, as well as my religious rights.

FRANCES RIDGEL,
Wife of A. L. Ridgel.

Witness:
L. W W. Monaway.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this the 23d day of November, 1893. R. L. HARDY.
(L. S.) County Clerk Drew Co., Ark.

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(Copy of Record.)
MARRIAGE LICENSE.
STATE OF ARKANSAS,
COUNTY OF DREW.

To any person authorized by law to solemnize marriages—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to solemnize the Rite and publish the Bans of Matrimony between Mr. Lee Ridgel, of the county of Drew and State of Arkansas, aged 21 years, and Miss Frances Graves, of the county of Drew and State of Arkansas, aged 17 years, according to law and do you officially sign and return this License to the parties herein named.

Witness my hand and official Seal, this, the 23d day of December, A. D., 1881.

R. F. HYATT, County Clerk.
(L. S.) J. A. JETER, JR., D. C.

CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE.
STATE OF ARKANSAS,
COUNTY OF DREW.

I, A. J. Stith, do hereby certify that on the 23d day of December, 1881, I did duly and according to law, as commanded in the foregoing license, solemnize the Rite and publish the bans of Matrimony between the parties therein named.

Witness my hand this the 23d day of December, 1881.

My credentials are recorded in Recorder's office.

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A. J. STITH, Deacon.

CERTIFICATE OF RECORD.
STATE OF ARKANSAS, } S. S.
COUNTY OF DREW. }

I, R. L. Hardy, Clerk of County Court of said county, certify that the above license for and certificate of the marriage of Lee Ridgel and Frances Graves, were, on the 23d day of December, 1881, filed in my office, and the same are now duly recorded on page 417 of book "D" of Marriage Records.

Witness my hand and the seal of said county, this the 23d day of November, 1893.

(L. S.) R. L. HARDY, Clerk.

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MONTICELLO, DREW CO , ARK., Nov 25, '93.

I, the undersigned, without the instruction of any person, make the following statement in the case of Mrs. Frances A. Ridgel, whom I have known from girlhood, during which period to my knowledge, she has conducted herself in the most commendable manner. The two remaining months of 1892, herself and husband, Rev. A. L. Ridgel, lived, and did occupy a room in my house until he started on his trip for Africa. His conduct during this stay at our house at times were unkind towards his wife.

His
JOE x YOUNG.
mark.

Witness:
L. W. W MONAWAY.

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MONTICELLO, DREW CO., ARK., Nov. 26, '93.

As a minister of the gospel, I am determined to frown upon wrong-doing. I have known Frances A. Ridgel when she stood at the knees of her parents, but a child, until this hour of writing, and will say without hesitation that she has lived a respectable and upright life, and does not merit the unkind treatment her husband, Rev. A. L. Ridgel, has accorded her; she should have the sympathy of all well-thinking people. Rev. A. L. Ridgel is known throughout this section of the country to be a man without a standing and should be condemned and expelled from our ministry.

His
R. A. x SINGENFIELD.
mark

Elder in the South Arkansas Conference.
Witness, L. W. W. MONAWAY.

Record of Second Marriage.
STATE OF NEW JERSEY.
MARRIAGE RETURN.
See penalty for non-report within 30 days.
Use ink and write plainly, especially names.

1. Full name of husband, Alfred L. Ridgel. (If colored so state.)
Place of residence, Philadelphia, Pa. (If in city, give name, street and number; if not, give township and county.)
2. Age, 30 years, — months. Number of his Marriage, 1st
3. Occupation clergyman. Country of birth, U. S. A
4. Name of father, Alfred. Country of birth U. S. A.
5. Maiden name of mother, Charlotte. Country of birth, U. S. A.
1. Full maiden name of wife, Fannie M. Worthington. Country of birth, U. S. A. (If colored so state.)
2. Place of residence, Washington, D. C. (If in city, give name, street and number; if not, give township and county.)
3. Age, nearest birthday, 23 (If in any trade or business so state.)
4. Last name, if a widow, —. Number of bride's marriage, 1st.
5. Name of father, James M. Country of birth U S. A.
6. Maiden name of mother, Bland. Country of birth, U. S A.
1. Date (in full) Feb. 7, 1893. Place, Camden, N. J. (City or township and county.)
2. In presence of H. T. Johnson, D. D. (Be sure to have witnesses.)
3. Signature of minister, A. H. Newton. (What church pastor of) or person officiating.

NOTE. All the facts called for in this blank are important and should be accurately given.

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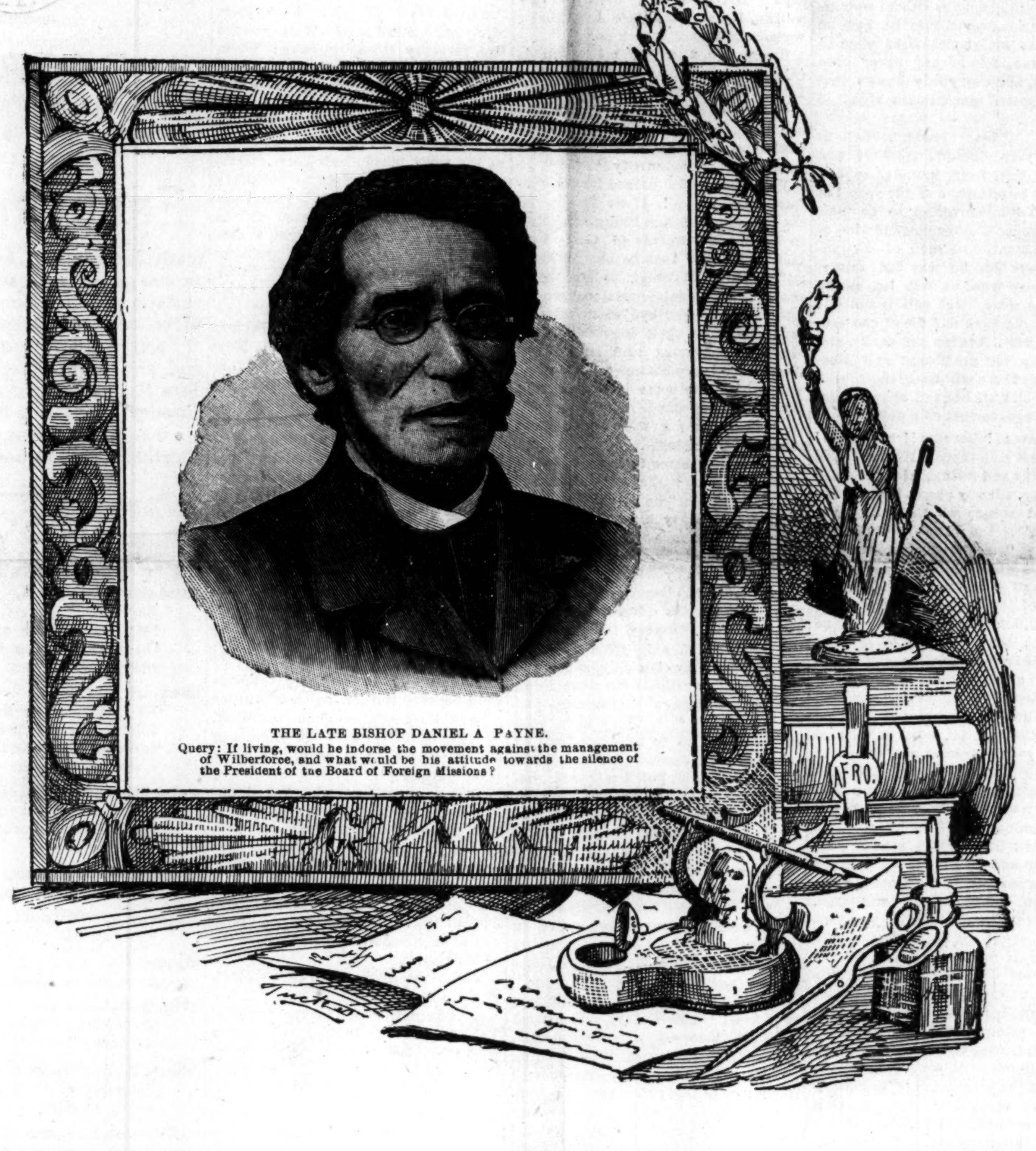
STATE OF NEW JERSEY } S. S.
CITY OF CAMDEN. }

I, T. P. Varney, Clerk of the City of Camden, in the State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that as such Clerk, I am the lawful custodian and keeper of the record of vital statistics within said city, and that the annexed certificate is a true copy of the marriage of Alfred L. Ridgel and Fannie M. Worthington, remaining on file and of record in my office.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the corporate seal of the City of Camden to be hereunto affixed, this the 7th day of May, A D., 1894. T P. VARNEY.
(L. S.) Clerk of the City of Camden.



THE LATE BISHOP DANIEL A PAYNE.
Query: If living, would he indorse the movement against the management of Wilberforce, and what would be his attitude towards the silence of the President of the Board of Foreign Missions?

Politics at Blood Heat.

Cartersville. Ga., Special.

Politics is very high at present. Standard degree is blood heat. The Republican club voted the straight Populist ticket. They decided as there were no Republicans out, they would go to the Pope, rather than vote a Democratic ticket; while there were many who sold their vote for $2 and less. Mrs. Clara Motes has returned home from a very long stay in Anniston, Ala. Rev. J. F. Bright, pastor, of Mt. Zion Baptist church, has been very ill for a few weeks. Thursday morning, the 4th, inst., there was a very lively time at the Basket shop on East Market street. One Bill Leake stabbed Hill Conyear through the hand. Hill then took the mall and struck Bill on the head, leaving him unconscious. Doctors think it is not fatal.

Society Flashes.

Coldwell, Tenn., Special.

Mr. James Norville has bought a new home near the railroad. Messrs. J. M. Mullins and James Stokes called on their girls Sunday, Sept. 30, at Shelbyville, Tenn. Misses Virginia Fugitt, Izo Elkins and R. E. Stephens were in grand style Saturday night, Sept 29th, at the Masonic banquet. Messrs. H. T. White, J. M. Rankins, R. Hix and J. Maupins walked for a cake. Mr G. Huffman is overjoyed with his new companion. U. Stokes is on the sick list. Mesdames Sallie Mullins, Leathey Blackman, Virginia Moore, Lizzie Mullins and Mr. Sandy Hughes were royally entertained at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. White, on the 31 inst.; also Mr. Henry Davis, of Shelbyville, Tenn. Messrs. E Hodge, William Moore and A. W. White went 'possum hunting some nights ago. Misses L. V. Cannon and R. E. Stephens are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jack Johns, near Wartrace Prof. R. P. Purdy is doing good work in the public schools here. The subscribers in this community are dear lovers of The Freeman.

AGAINST RECONSTRUC

Stabbed! Johnson and derson.

BY REV. A. A. GODWIN, PRESIDING MOBILE (ALA.) DISTRICT.

EDITOR THE FREEMAN:

Permit me space in the columns of your valuable paper to say a few words touching "Reconstruction," as advanced by Rev. W Mixon and others in the Christian Record. In an issue of September 6th there appeared an article from the pen of Rev. Mixon, entitled "Why Not?" He begins by saying "I may be pardoned for simply lancing one of the heads of the Book Concern. My critique is upon our business reconstruction." He also calls attention to an editorial of Dr. W. T. Johnson, and says: "According to the intelligent criticism of denominational and undenominational papers, we are subjected to the religious and commercial world as being incapacitated to manage lucratively the business of the Book Concern and publication department of the A. M. E. Church." I hope not to be judged as striking at anyone. Rev. Mixon neither lights nor flies. He is very inconsistent. He contradicts himself. What does he mean by simply lancing one of the heads of the Book Concern? And whose head does he wish to lance? If I can see clearly he has attempted to lance Dr. J. C. Embry's head, a man to whom he gives the credit of having done for the A. M. E. Church and humanity what few men could have done. He has been so skillful in the management of the financial affairs of the department that under his supervision it is no longer under embarrassment, but is now bringing in a revenue to the church. If this be true, which we do not stop to question, why would anyone seek to lance this great head? The Book Concern and publication department is just as it should be. The business manager should have the exclusive right to look for the interest of the church, for he stands as the owner of the paper, and should say what shall bh published in it. There are a few would-be leaders and fame-seekers to give popularity to themselves would write incendiary articles even at the expense of the church.

I confess that one of the heads of the department should be lanced, for Dr. W. T. Johnson's head certainly needs lancing. Whenever a man thinks himself bigger than the connection to which he belongs, he should be put down. Then if he wants to "tote" his skillet, let him "tote" it for all time and eternity. Rev. Mixon says that the editor should manage control and be responsible for the publication of his department. But if he is not able to manage the editorial chair successfully, which is plainly shown that Dr. Johnson is not, how could it be expected for him to manage successfully when given absolute control? The reason why the Recorder has no wider circulation among the people, and receives such poor support, is the "top-heaviness" of its editor. The paper needs a man who will look after the interests of the church, and not his own selfish aim. He should not use the great organ of the church to give publicity to his cheap notoriety. Dr Johnson and his personal friends have monopolized the paper for their own benefit, to the exclusion of articles written by those who have always been loyal in the support of the paper.

We will be heard, if not through our church organs, through other papers. An editor must be a man with a heart as well as brain. Without either he will prove a failure. If Rev. Mixon means by reconstruction putting a man in the editorial chair who has common sense enough not to fight the great leaders and institutions of the connection, then I agree with him that we do need a reconstruction in the publication department. If the business manager can do without the reconstruction until the next general conference, we will show all such ministerial failures and constitutional fault-finders as Johnson and Henderson where they belong. As for their theory, "Young men to the front," I am a young man myself, and am in sympathy with all young men, and desire to see them come to the front; but "woe worth the day" when such men as Drs. Johnson and Henderson shall be put in the front ranks of the church.

A Cyclone.

Little Rock, Ark., Special.

Tuesday week, at about 7:30 o'clock in the evening, one of the most disastrous cyclones that ever struck this State visited this city, sweeping things as it went. The killed wounded numbered about forty. The loss will reach a million dollars. We feel grateful that it was no worse. It's an ill wind blows nobody any good, so labor of all description finds work.

Several Deaths.

Metropolis, Ill., Specials.

Rev. Stewart, of the A. M. E. church, returned last Saturday from St. Louis. Rev. F. Robinson made his usual visit to his church at Carbondale. Mrs. Jane Robinson is preparing to build. Joe Hughes, her son from Cairo, is the Architect. Elizabeth Shelton, of near Brooklyn, died Oct. 3d. She was born in Robinson county, Tenn., and was about 45 years of age. She was married about twenty-six years, and was the mother of twelve children, seven of whom are living. She had been a member of the Baptist church for seventeen years. Martha Martin, wife of John Martin, died Oct. 2d, at the age of 28 years. She was a member of the Baptist church for several years. She leaves a husband and one sister. Carrie Martin, daughter of J. M. Martin, died Oct. 3. She was a member of the A. M. E. church.

THE CONFESSION

Of Rev. J. M. Henderson Riddled And Disbelieved.

By Rev. James G. Robinson, Of The West Arkansas Conference.

In a recent issue of The Freeman an article appeared from the pen of the Rev. John M. Henderson, D. D., under the heading, "A Confession," which was the most wonderful article I ever read.

The distinguished and learned Doctor lays open his sins and invites a reading public to inspect them and forgive him. I for one am willing to forgive, but shall ask the liberty to briefly point out the Doctor's errors and let the public see the harm he has done.

He points out three causes for his confessions, while he names only one for his entering into the life of a profligate. These causes I shall briefly touch one by one before I close this letter. Since reading the wonderful confession of Dr. Henderson, I have gone through my papers of several years past and up to the time when he abandoned the Recorder and commenced his writings through The Freeman, and I have read some of his soul-stirring, heart-rendering "Midnight musings"—articles capable of wringing tears from the eyes of most any sane person—and as I read, I wondered, how could a man leading the life that Dr. Henderson had been leading, pen such soul-inspiring lines and throw them broadcast over the world?

I am very sorry to say so, but there are very few persons who will believe that the Doctor has reformed when they base their opinions upon the reasons given by him for making his confession. Therefore, his efforts at reforming the living ministry of today will be hurled back at him with a challenge to prove his earnestness in the great work which he undertakes to perform.

The first reason given by him for his confession is "duty." He said: "Were it not because it is a stern duty, no power on earth could wring from me any reference to the black pages of the past, for which I blush as I write." He then goes on to state that "up to the day he entered the ministry his life was pure"—he could prove it, for he had "letters in his pocket from lawyers, doctors, preachers, teachers and college presidents which testified to his character in no doubtful tone."

There is no duty on earth which he owed the human family to cause him to make such a confession. The thing wrong with Dr. Henderson was, he expected to reap worldly honors and heavenly blessings upon the credit of lawyers, doctors, preachers, teachers and college professors, without having the blood of Christ applied to his sinful heart.

As a part of the plans of redemption is, no imposter shall succeed as a minister of the gospel of the blessed Christ, he was thrown in contact with others whose hearts also had not been changed, hence he was led into the life which he afterwards lived. This man needs to be pitied by every living mortal and every saint who has gone up to glory.

Me thinks as he walks the crowded streets of the large cities of this great republic every angel in the world above looks down upon him with derision, yet with pity they sympathize with him, while Satan and the host in the world of darkness applauds, thinking that a decided victory has been gained over the gospel heralds of the the nineteenth century. Too many like Dr. Henderson are prowling the country from side to side carrying the name of ministers of the gospel, without a divine calling, having nothing upon which to rest but papers and documents written by men of like reputations.

The cause for leading such a wicked life as he led was the coming in contact with certain prominent ministers, or rather he throws the whole cause of his being led away from the paths of virtue and right into the broad road of sin at the ministers of the church, yet he proves his assertions to be untrue, when, after describing his awful career of sin, he said: "All of this time I thought I was a christian, yet I had never been truly converted."

I repeat, when he makes that declaration it is all a fraud and a farce to lay his faults and corruptions at the doors of prominent ministers. I insist, what he needed was the blood of Jesus applied to his unregenerated heart. The plea set up by the doctor destroys "free agency" and makes one person entirely responsible for the acts of another, but that will not work in this particular case.

Influence has a great deal to do with the shaping of one's ends, i. e, when the person is incapable of acting for himself, but Dr. Henderson at this time or the time he entered the ministry, to some extent, was learned. He doubtless had read the Bible and had had that sentence to stare him in the face which says: "If any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer or a drunkard, with such a one, know not, to eat nor keep his company;" 1 Cor. 8, 11. Also he has seen the words of our blessed Master as written in the twenty-first chapter of Luke, 33 to 38 verses. He had listened to temperance lectures; in a word, he knew right from wrong, and the very moment he accepted the flask and swallowed down the drugs of hell, whether given to him by a prominent minister or the vilest reprobate this side of the infernal regions, he sinned and became guilty, and he—and he alone—was responsible to God for committing the act.

He said again: "I entered my first disgraceful moral action in company with a prominent minister." He was responsible in this case as in the case of drinking intoxicating liquors. The worst was, after he had gone through months of torture in mind and heart, and after being brought near death's door by the hand of affliction, he said he joined another conference and did some more drinking. Yet he would not tell it without hurling the cause at the ministry!

Hear him: "I again did some drinking in company with prominent ministers, some of whom are prominent now, others of whom are dead." My God! This man is a mystery within himself, yet every attempt he makes to confess his sins he never fails to throw the blame upon the ministry. The deeper he wades and the further he goes, he proves himself untrue, and the thinking world rejoices to see him heap the burdens of his sins upon himself in his vain attempt at child's-play by trying to make others responsible. He has proven that he had no right in the ministerial ranks when he first entered, for he had never been converted, and everybody knows that an unconverted man has no right to preach.

College titles, recommendations from lawyers, doctors, teachers and preachers were never intended to and cannot make ministers of the gospel of Christ. Yet unconverted as he was, starting under the recommendation of the above mentioned men of distinction, he says that he was led astray. I don't know what he was led astray from. He does. But this is not all! He enters the rank and file of the sacramental host, invades her ranks, and says among her prominent and illustrious ones there still lives those who helped to blot his life and change him from an angel to that of a devil.

But heavens! heavens!! heavens!!! He does not stop there! He pulls back the curtains and swings ajar the gates of eternity, silently passes beyond the tomb and stands at the "midnight hour" among the blood-washed host, who have "washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb," and were they pealing forth anthems of joy upon the instruments of heaven, and had he the power, he would stop them and say to some of them: "I let you pass through yonder earth quietly and undisturbed; I saw hundreds, yea thousands, flocking to you to hear the gospel and I failed to check them; I let your name pass by when your character was called in question before the General and Annual conferences; I stood up and loaned my voice and vote to push you into prominence. I knew of these things then, but for the sake of your friendship and for the sake of your influence in my behalf I did not say one word about it. I heard of your death, and I said to the world from the pulpit and through the press that a hero and a great man had fallen, and I painted out your character as being as white as the snowflakes of winter and as pure and sparkling as the dewdrops of spring; I displayed all of my eloquence during the memorial services held in honor of you, forcing upon the world the brightness of your character and the faithfulness of your work, now come with me back to the world of trials and toil and stand between me and the people and be responsible for my immoral conduct."

See him (Henderson) standing (in his imaginations) amid the thrones and thrones, and gathered around him sainted Allen and all who have gone up to God through the A. M. E. church. I say, see him there amid your friends and mine, accusing some of our leaders of causing him to sin.

As he closes his remarks, and he finds himself out from among the beautiful scenes that met his gaze, and again entangled with the cares and toils of life, musing at "midnight," he cries to himself: "I would call their names (those whom he said led him astray), but their lives were so consistent with the words of God, and they have so many friends in earth and I saw gathered around them so many in heaven, and in that number were my sainted mother and the dear girl who stood so firmly by me in the days of profligacy, I am afraid I will not be believed, therefore I will say 'illustrious men living and dead' and hide the rest till the great God shall summon me be before His great bar of justice."

My God! my God!! have mercy on that man! I call upon the ministry, with every christian who has any influence with God through Jesus Christ, to go down upon their knees in prayer to God for him and others who have been and are leading such lives. And may the spirit of God descend upon him and them and cleanse them from their sins, and may they for the benefit of the church and sinners keep the rest back and "tell it to Jesus alone," and He will put them into the sea of forgetfulness and number them among the "forgotten sins."

This man whose confession I am trying to answer acknowledged that he had been engaged in drinking, gambling (not strictly) and swearing. He had also left his charge. He then said: "I am not called upon to tell what those days were or how my feet strayed from city to city in ways of sin," and when by the side of one who had finished up a life of sin, and was led to the chariot of damnation and seated for his eternal ride to the world of despair, he (Dr. Henderson) was caused to reflect and change his manner of living. I know he has thought time and again that it ought to have been him dying and the other poor fellow should have been saved.

He then met Bishop John M. Brown and at midnight "mused" him by telling him the story of his life, that has made such black pages till he must blush when the thoughts of them appear before him. The good Bishop lectured him, he then started out to live a better life. "I am now able to feel," says Dr. H., "that I am as good as I was before I entered the ministry." Granting that to be true, I want to know how does he know that God wants him to preach? When he entered the ministry he was unconverted, now that he is converted and keeps on preaching, is the same as to say: "Divine calling or no divine calling, I preached before I was converted and I shall preach now."

Reason No. 2 for his confession is (his words): "Time after time when I have pushed evil men to the wall, they and their friends have cast into my face the story of my own wicked days, and more than that they have accused me of insincerity."

Very poor reason indeed for the confession, very poor! If he is now on the side of right and living according to the commandments of God, these men will know that he has reformed without him publishing to the world the sins of his ministerial career. I know of none who had to do that in order to prove their conversion, but the truly converted lead such strict lives till the very change tells to those with whom they come in contact that they have reformed. The same will be true regarding the person about whom I am writing.

The Doctor seems to have in view others whom he wishes to "push to the wall." "Pusher" he is, yet they have dealt such a heavy blow at him concerning the actions of his life, he at the "midnight" hour had to confess and seek refuge by attacking the ministry from beginning to end. Child's play! No wonder a Bishop some time ago called him "Johney."

Reason No. 3, and last resort: "I can vindicate my claims by pointing to numbers of our illustrious men, living and dead, who have come through just such fires. * * * They have been so fortunate as to be permitted by conscience to remain silent. Would that I, too, could, but I will not permit myself to be driven from the fight for reformation by any tender regard for my own pride or feelings."

Here he goes again butchering the illustrious ministers living and reopens the gates of eternity, pulls away the veil that hides from our view those of our loved ones who have toiled in the vineyard of the Lord and gone up to reap their reward, and he (H) says to the world, "Yonder they are,"—but they "have passed through just such fires;" that is, they commenced preaching before they were converted; they gambled; they drank intoxicating liquors; they lied; they blasphemed the named of God; they traveled from city to city in ways of sin, and they did everything conceivable against the commandments of the Lord of hosts. Here he shuts the gate and pulls down the curtain, and instead of "musing" he leaves us to "muse" and wonder who are these illustrious ones about whom he has written, and a world of sinners armed against the church of Christ, when the gospel preachers are doing their best, point to them as being a band of thieves, libertines, cutthroats and hypocrites, without virtue and devoid of truth.

This same Doctor claiming to be a reformer has given the enemy a powerful weapon with which to fight the church, leaving them to believe that they have gained a decided victory over the heralds of the cross of the nineteenth century. He told the truth, and the grandest truth of his life, when he said his conscience caused him to make that awful "confession."

Remorse reigned supreme within his soul, and, David-like, he concluded that to hide from the presence of God record and conscience, was a task impossible to perform. Poor man! He then with uplifted hands lays bare to the world the follies of his life. Why did he not stop there is the unsolved mystery. He did not stop, but he dared to enter the pales of the church and stamp her illustrious men, living and dead, as being partakers of his follies, only living pure in the sight of those who know no better in order to gain positions of honor and salary.

The church in America, East, West, North and South, in Africa and the Isles of the sea, and throughout the world, should rise up enmasse and call upon Dr. Henderson to prove his assertions, and upon his failure so to do, without doubt, should denounce him as being unworthy the name preacher or minister, and send him to God and let him earnestly repent and stay secluded till he can make a "confession" satisfactory to both heaven and earth.

Dalark, Ark.

Some Political Reflections.

"Which of the two men, McKinley or Harrison, who addressed the citizens of Indianapolis this week, will be our next President?"—The Freeman.

Harrison, Harrison, 'pears like we have heard that name before, but cannot now for the life of us tell when and where, as small men and small matters are in the habit of rushing from our memory almost before they have entered, without leaving their cards or saying when they intend to call again.

Harrison, Harrison—well, now it all comes back like a dream. You are talking about the little extinguished townsman of yours—Ben Harrison—the man we "colored boys" of the great Empire state elected President a few years ago. Well say, just wait till we tell you something. Hey listen, Friend Sweeney: In the coming race Harrison will not be in it. We don't think he will be in the convention race—we know he will not be in the great National handicap. Have you heard the story of this 'ere very same Ben Harrison, how he treated the "colored boys" of New York state after they elected him? Well, you see Bro. Sweeney, it was this way: When your townsman first "stood" or "ran," which ever you like best, for President, the party leaders in the Empire state pulled out the old broken down slow coach, "dead issues," and hooked up the worn out old hack horse, "Debt of gratitude" and "Vote for the party that freed you," and induced the "colored boys" to get in and ride to the battlefield. They also bought a new improved light-running carriage called the "tariff question," to which they harnessed the young colts, "Protection to American industries" and "Fat foreign missions," and invited all the white men in general and New York City editors in particular to ride therein to victory. You doubtless remember the results, Harrison carried New York state by something like 13,000; some 15,000 "colored boys" voted for him. After the victory was won that 'ere townsman of yours rewarded every Tom, Dick and Harry of a white New York Republican editor with plums. When a few of us who were great (?) political leaders (?) went around to the back door, hat in hand, and asked for a little cold grub this same townsman of yours shut the door in our faces, so we don't propose to send him to Washington as President anymore.

You are right in one thing, the winning horse in the coming race will be a Republican—but not from the West. What's the matter with the wires out there? Haven't you heard the news from Maine yet?

As a political tout who picked out the winners twice, we will give you the tip: Bet all the money you can beg, borrow and steal from delinquent subscribers that the winner will be Thos. B. Reed, the war hoss from Maine, who said that a Negro was a full-fledged citizen of the United States and as such should enjoy all the rights of citizenship.

You Westernites had the World's Fair, and have the greatest Afro-American newspaper in the country, The Freeman. What's the matter with you folks anyway, do you want the earth?

B. SQUARE.

Three Inches of Snow.

Leadville, Colo., Special.

The weather at this time is very blustery. About three inches of snow has fallen in the past twenty-four hours. The concert and festival given at the A. M. E. church for the benefit of the pastor was a success financially. Sunday, Oct. 7th, was the last Quarterly meeting of this Conference year. Miss Tillie Macloud, of Leavenworth, Kan., is in the city the guest of Mrs. D. L. Robinson. Chas. Ramie, who spent some months in our midst, left for Pueblo last week, via. Denver. J. W. Young went to Salt Lake City on the 1st. Mrs. Catherine Furgerson went to Grand Junction on the 1st to remain all winter. Rev J. H. Bohanan, left on the night of the 7th for Helena, Mont., to attend the annual conference which convened in that city on the 11th.

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WHITE MAN'S PHILOSOPHY

And the Modern Methods of the Negro in Refutation.

BY R. R. DOWNS, SAVANNAH, GEORGIA.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

To me, such papers as your's are a necessity. I regard The Freeman as being a credit to the Negro. It is outspoken, positive, loyal and interesting. It is calculated to accomplish much and merits the cheerful support of every respectable Negro man. I have been a very close reader of the columns of The Freeman for several months past. Some contributions have stirred me not a little—not I alone, but the entire Sixth Episcopal District of the A. M. E. Church. We are deeply concerned, very much so, for several reasons, among them the following: We belong to a much maligned, persecuted, misrepresented and despised portion of America's citizens; we are and have been laboring to better our condition, knowing that we must struggle and fight to win.

We are part and parcel of, and under vows to, a great Negro religious organization, which in very deed has most conspicuously been the advance guard of the Negroes in this country for religious recognition, and civil as well, having considered it no disgrace to have for its leaders the swarthy, manly sons of Ham. Now, in view of the above facts, I ask that you permit me to call the attention of your readers to the following clipping from the pen of Hon. T. M. Norwood, a well-known Democratic political leader, in a published address to the whites of the State of Georgia, and to some reflections on the same:

"Besides this law of moral forces that governs political powers generally, there is another and stronger law in the South that exists in no other government or society on earth. There is no similar condition of races elsewhere, and hence no similar repellant social force. There are here two races, each closely homogeneous, and each, in relation to the other, the most widely heterogeneous of all the races of mankind. Ours is the foremost in all that constitutes true civilization, while the other belongs to the lowest order of civilization, and has the least natural capacity either to advance itself or to improve under the most favorable environments. The incapacity for self advancement is demonstrated by the whole of Africa, and the inability to be advanced is shown in Hayti, San Domingo and America. The obstruction is inherent, congenital and racial."—[From The Atlanta Constitution, Oct. 1, 1894.

Now, how do we intend to meet such arguments? From whence are such arguments derived and what are the premises? Are the inferences legitimate from well-known and indisputable facts? If so, does the Negro practically furnish them? These are questions that the Negro must honestly and squarely answer. He must meet the issue. No amount of bombast, bluster and slobbering at the mouth, in appealing to the prejudices and weakness of our own people, to evoke a little applause (which every noble soul must regard in sublime contempt) from platform, pulpit and pen; bantering, evading and pointing back to the ancient and defunct glories, achievement, etc, of the sons of Ham, will do. We must stand up like men and answer; fairly state the question, the argument, and honestly meet it. Criticising the grammar, running off into abuse and pleading that it is done because of prejudice, and that such is the animus of the case, is not and can not be acceptable to impartial and intelligent minds.

In the clipping above we might find fault with its construction, in its inconsistency as to both being "homogeneous" and "heterogeneous," and such like, avails us nothing Has he evidence for such a horrible conclusion?

Mr. Norwood says that we are "inherent, congenital and racial" obstructionists. He declares in so many words that the Negro is incapable of formulating and adhering to society and successful organization—he acts without regard to the distinctive regulations of such, and destroys, tears up and demolishes that which has been set up; that he is not remedial, but a demolisher; that he cannot be risked with the care and development, as well as sustaining, old established institutions; that he is desperately imprudent and impatient, and grants no time for complete generation—he must break the egg for the chicken to hatch! Must he demolish the world because the earth quakes? or destroy the city because of the invasion of a pestilence? or patiently submit in obedience to the operations of sanitary and natural laws?

We must feel that such flagrant, well-written, imprudent, ill-timed (though I believe honest convictions) articles that have appeared from time to time in regard to our Wilberforce, and such like, furnish matter for such philosophers as Mr. Norwood What is the motive for such broad publication, such high soundings of well-blown trumpets, equalling, far transcending, "the voices of seven thunders?" Why publish, if there be, the faults, weakness, differences and such like, from the tops of the highest mountains? What have we to gain, as individuals, as a class of distrusted people, and as a great Negro organization, that has built its shrines under fire and smoke, through blood and tears! What has the outer world to do with the correction of our institutional discord? Does not the talented brethren, who have thus done, know that such a question, and in defense of institutional rights, plunged this continent into a bloody, fratricidal war? You, and you alone, men of your calibre, thought and talent, can well proclaim the peculiar rights of this American nation, of the States, of the county, the cities, towns, hamlets and villages; of the church, society, the family, the individual. By what moral authority dare we publish and expose that which only concerns organic law? What public tribunal, under constituted enactment, have authorized the publication of the criminal? What is treason, rebellion, anarchy? Must we be governed by the government to which we have vowed allegiance? What moral right have we to make public the fault of any, unless it is to subserve the ends of justice, and then it must be to the proper officer; to protect the best interests of society, church or state, and to beneficently promote the interests of the institution.

I believe that I voice the sentiment of the entire Sixth Episcopal District, when I say that, a great moral wrong has been done, which we deeply deplore, and have no sympathy for.

We do not belelve that the proper way to settle our internal differences; We do not beleive that it helps us in elevating our people and it certainly cripples our efforts; and we do not think that Wilberforce is bound to drag herself before a tribunal when assailed by another; the same powers that have thus far sustained and supported will still be her protection.

The Christian Recorder, is the organ of the church, her columns are to be devoted to the interests of the church and her institutions, the defense of her principles and doctrines; it is not like a secular journal and its editor cannot go beyond and transgress the limits, this is what we understand and what we firmly believe, and we give our support both to the editor and the paper with this belief.

We want inventors, builders, and such like; we want to save the things so nobly battled for and straiten our own affairs; we would not turn our own guns upon ourselves, I have thus written because we feel the injury done, and see its effect; we want to let the public know where we stand, this district furnishes no small amount of means to carry on our general work and intend to increase on that line. Build up and never break down! Let us care for the heritage left us by the fathers. "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." Savannah, Ga.

"Not Worth H——l Room."

Clarksville, Ark., Special.

We have a very good public school here it opened on the first inst, with Prof. W. D. Perry at its head, who is call one the best teachers in the State. The Rev E S. Johnson made the speech of his life Tuesday night week. He said the masses of our young men are not worth h——l room. The most of them are nothing but cream catchers saloon watchmen and fuss makers. When he called the name of Bishop Turner and Miss Ida B, Wells tears came to his eyes. He said everything Miss Ida B Wells has said and more was true. He said would to God we had a thousand Turners and Ida B. Wells.

He siad we have a good many so called big men in the South and a good many of them are very well off, but they are no good as far as that race is concerned, After Rev S. E. Johnson closed Prof. W. D. Perry arose and said I did not come out here to have anything to say, but after hearing such a noble lecture from Rev. Johnson I am called upon to say some thing He said I would to God a thousand people could have heard him to-night. After which Rev, Johnson called for collection. The sum of two dollars and one cent was raised. The pastor said, now I am going to send this to Miss Wells, everybody cryed out send it. I wish I had more to send her. Clarksville loves The Freeman may God bless The Freeman.

A Delightful Entertainment.

Harrisburg, Ill., Special.

Miss Mertie Tanner, while out driving last Sunday, was thrown from the rig and badly injured. Miss Cornelia Barnett, with Mrs. Rollins, spent Sunday in the country. J. J. Adams, of Chicago, was in the city Tuesday. "Billie" Patton, who has been confined to his bed, is out again. S T. Elliott, was joined in wedlock to Mrs. D Doolin last week. The Household of Ruth gave a delightful entertainment at Union Hall last Tuesday night. Those in attendance from a distance were Miss Nevins, Evansville; Duke Williams, Metropolis; W. T. Dudley, Ed Peas, Miss Lou Magill and Will J Smith, Equality. During the evening a social dance was indulged in, the music being furnished by Williams and Smith.

The Freeman is a welcome visitor to our desk. A portion is read by the school each day. Mt. Plassant Baptist church held a basket dinner last Sunday. Several of our people took in the Chicago excursion. They say divorces run high in Chicago but are easy gotten. Will J. Smith has bought a wheel. Allie Weidman left last Friday on her wheel for St. Louis. Hon. Chas. Messer expects to move to Bellville, where he will go into business.

Theory of Kindergarten Methods

A Study from Froebel's "Education of Man."

BY ELIZABETH H. BAKER, NASHVILLE, TENN.

[CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK]

FIRST "GIFT" OF THE KINDERGARTEN—THE BALL.

The various colors serve to distinguish the several playmates of the child, by special characteristics and enable it to make its first clear analysis or abstractions, since the color is the only thing in which the playthings differ. The child has an instinctive liking for bright colors and moving objects. Quintilian observed that "amusements should be utilized as a means of instruction," but how many centuries it took to differentiate a philosopher and educator to work out that simple problem!

The first object, then, must be one that gives the child pleasure and through pleasure stimulates his activities. Why? Unless pleasure is imparted, it will not elicit attention nor provoke investigation. Is not that a law of nature? How many of the trades would be followed if it were not from the pleasure derived? The pleasure of heaping up wealth; the pleasure of intellectual achievement; the pleasure of society; the pleasure of doing good; some kind of pleasure must be found to start us to action. That which does not give pleasure, either repels or is viewed with indifference. In either case, the undisciplined mind of the child avoids the contact.

The natural impulse of the child is to reach for an object presented to it; to investigate its properties; to search out its mysteries; to play with it and thus bring its muscles into activity. If the object is not pleasurable, the impulse dies and our efforts to stimulate is unsuccessful.

Contrasts of directions furnishes another series of observations] for the child. Right and left movements, up and down movements, backward and forward; time of movements slow and fast; small circles and large circles.

Thus we find in the simple plaything of the child, unity and variety, simplicity and complexity, harmony and contrast. Nature's type, the base of philosophy and mathematics, language and observation; an object of interest to the collegian, and one whose mysteries are not all solved by the erudite professor.

In this gift, the child's simplicity is met by simplicity. There are no corners nor edges to distract its attention and prevent concentration of the mind; there is a beautiful, symmetrical whole. Every line is a line of beauty. Its proportions are harmonious. "It is a thing of beauty and joy to the child, an object of endless observations and unsolved mysteries to the sage."

The salient characteristic of the ball is form.

Pedagogues and philosophers from time immemorial had taught the maxim, "Proceed from the known to the unknown," from the concrete to the abstract, but it remained for Frœbel to find the simple, the concrete.

In the little game with the ball, the child begins to notice the multiplicity of objects having a spherical form or which may be derived from a sphere; fruits and flowers and vegetables; parts of the body, eye, head; the stars, moon and sun; the earth. In the parquetry work (colored paper circles) he represents these on a plane. A cluster of small red circles having stems and and leaves drawn with lead pencil, becomes a cluster of cherries; a large circle, green or red with stem and leaf, represents an apple; a brown circle with head and feet and tail, drawn by the embro artist, becomes the cute little chicken. The gifts are analytic, the occupation, synthetic.

Frœbel was the first to help the child to crystalize the vague beginnings of knowledge into tangible realities. His unconscious knowledge is converted into a conscious and powerful element of growth and strength. The distinctness of his impression and accuracy of his knowledge must be determined by his ability to reproduce. In the "Occupations" he reproduces the forms studied from the gifts. The paper folding, paper cutting, mat weaving, clay modeling and parquetry work, furnish manifold opportunities for ingenious designs and new applications of old principles.

[TO BE CONTINUED]

A Fine Program.

Cuthbert, Ga., Special.

The Tawawa Literary society is an institution of learning. The program rendered Thursday evening, Sept. 27th, was marked for its intelligence. Mrs. R C. Rhodes, Miss Ellen Evans, Miss Eva S. Henderson and Miss Alice Threevits are worthy of much congratulation for performing their parts so intelligently. Mrs. N. B. Hill performed a very interesting feature on the program. Mrs. J. V. Sherman read a selection that was quite interesting. Several students left this week to attend school at Atlanta, Ga. The Negroes of Cuthbert are picking, ginning and selling cotton. The people of Cuthbert enjoy The Freeman.

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Lowell, May 7, 1894.

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Notice! I am desirous to find the whereabouts of my cousin, Mrs. M. A. Robinson. The last I heard of her she was keeping a grocery store in Indianapolis. Her husband's name is Edward Robinson. I am all alone in the world, and am anxious to find her. Address Mrs. Lizzie Taylor, Jamestown, P. C. Rhode Island.

My mother's name is Lucinda Yarndle, and I had one half-brother named John and an own brother named Nelson. I have two half-sisters, Sarah and Mary. My father died when I was four years old, in Knox county, Tennessee. My father's name was Harry Lamb. The last time I saw them was in Lawrence, Kan. I wrote to them from Missoula, but did not hear from them. Address, H. Lamb, Kalispel, Mont.

I would like to know the whereabouts of my three sisters, Lucretia, Eliza and Polly Sadler. Our mother's name was Pricilla Sadler. She belonged to Fannie Sadler, an old maid. Our father's name was Ranel Spilman; he belonged to Jim Spilman. Our home was Lael, Garrett county, Ky., eight miles from Langston and eleven miles from Richmond, Ky. Any information would be very thankfully received by their sister, Sallie Johnson. Address, 339 E. Jefferson street, Decatur, [illegible] in care of L. Earnest.

I have a son; have not seen him since the war. His name is Thomas Taylor Turner, my home was in Madison Co., Tennessee, but I left him in Columbus Kentucky with a man by the name of John Stevens, who was a Telegraph Operator. He was between the age of 7 and 8. His father's name was Sam Turner and my name was Henrietta Turner. Every pastor will please read this to his congregation, and readers will please inquire. Any one giving information will oblige Henrietta Wallace, 1408 Maple St., Des Moines, Ia.

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YES, oh yes! the signs are this is a Republican year, without relief or limitation.

WHITNEY has written a letter to the unwashed of New York, which being interpreted means: "Boys, to a certain sum my barrel is at your service."

MR. BENJAMIN THORNTON deserves the thanks of Indianapolitians for securing the eighth biennial convention of the United Order of Odd Fellows to meet in Indianapolis.

DESPITE the gloomy forebodings of pessimists, and the confounded foolishness and blockheadism of the Negro himself in many instances, the Afro-American is progressing along every line. Not all the machinations of his enemies, and their master the devil thrown in for good measure, can successfully retard him; he has reached that place when he cannot even retard himself but temporarily.

A neat retort:

> The Memphis Scimitar has a mania for gold and a horror of silver. It cannot endure the old saying that "every cloud has a silver lining."—Arkansas Press.

Because the Scimitar detests clouds, which portend storms and misfortune, even though lined with silver, it loves the golden sunlight, which betokens peace and prosperity.—Memphis Scimitar.

THE presence of a great duty, a great responsibility, awaiting the next general conference of the A. M. E. connection, is becoming daily more pronounced. We have no other thought than that the same will be thoroughly and courageously met and discharged. There are more than one department of the great church that needs a searching overhauling. When vaulting ambition, mischievous envy and downright crime would hinder the progress of the church, then must vaulting ambition, mischievous envy and downright crime, be made an example of.

CHAMELEON ASTWOOD.

Vol. 1, No. 1, of the Afro-American Defender, H. C. C. Astwood's paper, has reached us. In his salutatory, Mr. Astwood says:

"Believing that the principles of the Republican party are the most fitting for the race in bringing about our civil and political rights, as well as to secure a prosperous condition for the general welfare of the country, the politics of this paper will be strictly Republican at all times and under all circumstances, until the walls of sectionalism be broken down, and every citizen be allowed a free vote unmolested and unrestricted in every way, and every citizen be accorded the rights guaranteed under the constitution, without regard to race, color or previous condition."

It would ill deserve Republicans to look a gift horse in the mouth, by questioning the sincerity of this last flop of our erstwhile Democratic friend, but rather make a virtue of necessity by extending him the right hand of fellowship with all that that implies. Reflectively: Mr. Astwood belongs to that numerous body of more or less prominent members of the race, whose political predilections are of no moment and whose presence and voice is not a help to any party.

MISSIONARY RIDGEL'S CASE.

It is difficult to understand how a man like Missionary Ridgel, young, astute and pious, could deliberately, of his own volition, turn to the cup of hemlock and drain it to the very drugs. At this juncture, until he is absolved of the awful accusation that affidavit and the record of the courts confronts him with, he is naught with us, but in the very act of dismissing him for the time being to the tribunals who will eventually in a formal and official way look into the charged lapses against him, we cannot understand the moral paralysis or dense ignorance, or both, of which high church officials must have been guilty of to have permitted such a criminal to sail from our shores carrying with him the credentials and favor of the greatest, most powerful, most looked to and revered spiritual corporation of Negroes on earth.

It has been adjudged by the highest authorities on moral jurisprudence that in many instances the crime of committal falls far short of the crime of condonement and silence, and in cases like this the world is not disposed to think otherwise.

If the Board of Foregn Missions was in the original instance imposed upon to the extent of allowing a missionary's commission to be issued to a bigamist, the same cannot be held in reproach or contumely if when its mistake was discovered it took immediate steps to disavow and undo its own action.

Did the Board of Foreign Missions ever take such official action, and if not, why not?

Presuming that it did, has there been a complete acquiescence on the part of the church, if not, why not, and by whom was the revolt inspired and encouraged?

If Dr. Johnson, the editor of the Christian Recorder, the sole witness of Ridgel's bigamous marriage, was privy to the same at the time of its committal, what defense or explanation did he ever offer, and if none, why none?

If, as we could hope might be the case, he was imposed upon, was an innocent accessory to Ridgel's duplicity, when the knowledge came to him did he at once proclaim it through the columns of his paper, which action must have met the approbation of church and race, or was he silent, and if so, why so?

Has Missionary Ridgel received the countenance of the church paper the Recorder, mainly, uninterruptedly up to the present time, in that, contributions from his pen have been given place in its columns, and if so, why? How could such countenance on the part of the publishers and editor of the paper, be reconciled with the fact that they, its managers, publishers and editor, knew their contributor to be a criminal, marked for social and religious ostracism, with perhaps the doors of the prison swinging inwards to receive him?

EDITOR JOHNSON AS A WITNESS.

It will be remembered in one of Missionary Ridgel's recent letters to THE FREEMAN, he recounted the incident of Bro. Johnson, the editor of the Christian Recorder, as the person who lingered the longest and the last with him and his wife before they embarked on their long journey to Africa, the remembrance of whose "God bless and preserve you," was no doubt a solace and inspiration on many occasions before their long and wearisome journey was over For reasons understood no doubt by Ridgel, as being a matter he did not care to talk about, he failed to mention the additional fact that Johnson was not only the last person to press his hand and in quivering voice invoke the blessings and care of Jehovah upon his devoted wife and self, but he was also the sole and only witness to his (Ridgel's) bigamous marriage (see affidavit first page) entered into a few weeks prior in the city of Camden, New Jersey.

"Oh, my masters! was ever seeming ignorance, criminal collusion, rank hypocrisy, more interwoven?"

We have promised to be patient, to be silent for a space, and we shall keep our pledge, but when the word go is finally given we shall play havoc with this coterie of christian (?) knaves, of which, up to date, the smooth, mild mannered, temporizing editor of the Recorder seems a very prince.

"This outward, sainted deputy,
Whose settled visage and deliberate word
Nips youth i' the head, and follies doth enmew,
As falcon doth the fowl,—is yet a devil!"

FROM NEGRO POETS.

MY ROSE.

W. H. A. MOORE.

And must you die, my rose?
Must every thought I've held of thee
Lie low in grief beyond the lea?
You must die, my rose.

You'll live again, my rose?
You'll live again, my rose, again?
Beyond the lea there is no pain?
My rose, no pain, my rose?

I'll grieve no more, my rose,
Thou art of me, I am of thee,
In love—in death—beyond the lea:
My heart is thine, my rose.

"A SPLENDID SAVAGE."

T. THOMAS FORTUNE.

"A splendid savage?" Even so! Alaric
Is greater than Plato in man—the types
Of savage man and highest thought—if it
Be true that passion, fierce as cyclones are
That lash to fury Southern seas, in love
Or hate, be sign of savage, not of life
Divine, Reason, distinct from matter and
The dumb creatures that we fatten for
The shambles! Passion rules the world, in war
And peace, in calm and storm, in love and hate.
In the wild savage on the endless plains
That chase the Rocky Mountains to their base,
Or in the child of reason, bending o'er
The learning of their ages, drinking deep
Of secrets that remain but riddles now
As when the world was young, a savage still,
More cultured and refined, perhaps, than he
Who never felt the blight of social laws
With starving millions in a city's grasp.
"A splendid savage," in his love and hate,
Is still a child of Reason and Fate.

THE MONGOLIAN EMPIRE DOOMED.

PRINCE KUNG, the brother of the late Emperor of China and uncle of the present occupant of the Dragon Throne, and who a generation ago was recognized as the virtual ruler of the Middle Kingdom, is about to emerge from the obscurity which has so long hidden him from public view. His appointment to act as co-director of Li Hung Chang in the conducting of the war with Japan will be a surprise, inasmuch as his seclusion has been so complete that most people have probably thought him dead.

Prince Kung's abilities are undeniably strong, but a change in the men who control the destinies of the Chinese Empire will avail little unless it shall be accompanied by a complete reformation of Chinese methods. This new leader will prove no more able than Li Hung Chang to cope with the influences which are threatening the Asiatic Colossus with destruction. Japan is only the instrument of the forces with which China has to contend. The Mongolian Empire is, in fact, falling to pieces before the collision of the spirit of the nineteenth century with the mildewed travesty on civilization which prevails in the Flowery Kingdom. Unless China can rouse herself from the lethargy of centuries and keep step with the march of progress her vast Empire will be ground to powder.

The alleged purpose of the Japanese, in the event of a successful issue of the war, to divide the Chinese Empire into three kingdoms seems chimerical. When the vastness of China and her uncounted millions of people are considered, the mere idea of a partition of the huge Empire by little Japan seems fantastic. It is much more reasonable to believe, however, that the plan would succeed than to imagine that the victorious advance of the Mikado's armies upon Pekin can be stayed by an adherence to Chinese methods.—Philadelphia Record.

WE have received the minutes of the 14th annual session of the Kentucky District Grand Lodge of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, which convened at Hopkinsville, that state. The committee on publication have no cause to be ashamed of this work.

BE honest now, look this number of THE FREEMAN over with care and tell us, not all speaking at once, are you not proud of it as a race journal, among all the publications of the race, has it an equal, does it not stand alone, unapproached? "There are others," but there is but one great national Afro-American journal and its name is THE FREEMAN. Now is the time to subscribe.

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ST. LOUIS HAPPENINGS.

The Spectacle of The Veiled Prophets—Church and Social Dots.

St. Louis, Mo., Special.

Governor McKinley, of Ohio, addressed between 5,000 and 10,000 people Monday evening, Oct. 1st, at Vandeventer and Easton avenue, on the tariff. His main point was protection to home endustries. I approve of that too, but what we, as Negroes, want, is protection to human life. Last week was Fair week, and the city was full of visitors, to see the great attraction the city affords. The Veiled Prophet was grand. The floats were more beautiful this time than ever before. Night school opened at Dumas and L'Ouverture schools Monday evening, Oct 8th. All welcome. The St Paul Sunday school time of meeting has been defered from 9:30 a. m. to 2:30 p. m. All are invited to attend. Rev L. W. Cross, of Clarksville, Tenn., preached an able sermon at the Central Baptist church Sunday at 11:30 a. m., and also visited the Mission at 2:30 p. m. at 1729 Lucas avenue. The rally at the Central Baptist church Sunday, the 30 ult, was a grand affair. Elder J. L. Cohron preached an able sermon both morning and evening. The choir sang beautiful, especially the solos by Misses Mesly and Mack, and the trio and quartette by Misses Mack, Edward, Taggart and Messrs. Lunsford and Ferguson. Collection amounted to $946 35, of which the ladies had with the assistence of the Young Ladies' Auxiliary, about $72 00. Literary meets at First Baptist church Fourteenth and Clark avenue, at 8 o'clock p. m.; also the Epworth League meets Wednesday. All are cordially invited to attend. Prof. O. M. Wood addressed the meeting Oct. 31 with an able question, "What is a Saint?" Mrs. Elizabeth Jackson, of 2610 Stoddard street, has returned from a visit to her daughter in Owensboro, Ky. Mrs. Wm. Dyers, of 2811 Laclede avenue, was buried Saturday, Oct. 6th, at 10 a. m. Mr. Dyers, who is a sinner, petitioned to the Central church to pray for him; that God might convert his soul. Mrs. Julia Arrington, of 2602 Stoddard street, has been sick for the past week, but is able to be out. R. H. Grady, the young mail carrier, has been confined to his bed at 407 S Jefferson avenue, but is able to be up at this writing. Miss M. J. B. Berry, of 3000 B. Laclede avenue, is agent for the White Rose Boquet, for the complexion. All young ladies wishing to be made pretty, should call on her, she will be pleased to satisfy your wants. Mr. and Mrs. Louis Porter, Mrs. Bettie Collins, Miss Missouri Owens and Andy Watkins were in the city last week visiting friend, and returned home Wednesday and Monday to Paducah, Ky. Miss Prince McCray, of Metropolis, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Annie Arrington, of 1523 Lucas avenue. Mrs Cropp, of 27 Leonard avenue, has been sick for the past week, but is up again. Mrs. Grear, of 2819 Laclede avenue presented her husband with a 12 pound baby girl on the 22d, ult. Mother and baby are doing well at present. Husband is smiling Miss Lula McGill, of 2605 Washington street, left for Nashville, Tenn., to complete her education. Miss Norcisus Dorsey left the city on the 24th, ult, for Selma, Ala., after spending a pleasant visit with mother and friends. Manuel Dudney left on the 24th, ult., for Chicago, Ill., to attend the medical school there. Mrs. Dandridge and Lacy spent a pleasant time in South St. Louis arranging for the joint meeting on the fourth Tuesday. Misses Virgie Morris and Susie Rooran, Prof. Cobb and wife and Sidney Rooran, of Cape Geradeau, Mo, were in the city last week visiting friends and seeing the sights of the city. Call on Lee Lindeman, 3539 Pine street, for The Freeman.

Detective Bureau Organized.

East Pittsburg, Pa., Special.

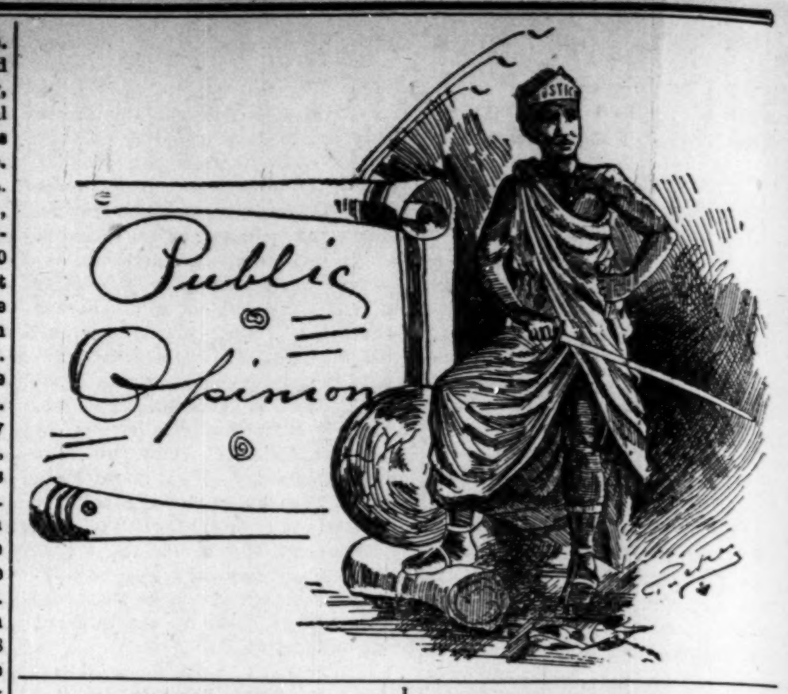
Tuesday evening last there was organized permanently at the St. James' A. M. E. Church a detective bureau, for the purpose of building a treasury to defend anyone of the race against any unconstitutional act that may at any time occur between the Anglo-Saxon and the Afro-American, such as refusing to serve or give the proper attention that any lady or gentleman of the latter race mentioned may want in hotels, restaurants or any place of entertainment. There was also a committee appointed on constitution and by-laws, with G. W. Brown, attorney, as chairman.

Mr. Lewis Brown has again succeeded in getting a position at the Kenmawr, E. E. Rev. J. W. Day, of Sharpsburg, Pa., a faith cure doctor, cures all by the power of the gospel. Hon J. Mercer Langston will lecture to the Y. M. C. A at Carnegie's Hall, Allegheny City, on Tuesday, the 16th. Mr. William Coffee, on Thursday of last week, was arrested, charged with criminal assault upon a sixteen year-old girl, whose name was Irene Moody. Coffee was employed at Mrs. Pave's barber shop, 169 Collins avenue, E. E. So was the girl. Mr. Coffee did not get bail, and as his case was deferred until the December court, he will wait in Pittsburg jail.

The F. J. Loudin's First Jubilee Singers will render service at Emory M. E. Church, on Pennsylvania ave., Pittsburg, Monday evening, Oct. 15. Last Sunday was communion day at Siloam Baptist Church, of which Rev. O. S. Simms is pastor. Twenty-one new members were added to the membership and the day's collection was $64 64. The St. James Arnett Literary Society convenes every Tuesday evening. You are invited. Come out. H. C. Oliver is the president.

LOST RELATIVE.

I would like to know the whereabouts of my husband, Stephen Low. When last heard from he was at Marion, Ind. Any information will be gladly received. America Low, Gallatin, Tenn.



A TERSE TRUTH.

A long as the Negro is a hewer of wood and drawer of water he will be dependent upon those to whom he looks for work.—Counsellor-Herald.

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AND THEN SUNK IN THE SEA.

A civilization that has not the backbone to run its affairs right and just to all its citizens ought to be backed down by bullet and bayonet.—Colorado Exponent.

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"THE VILEST SINNER MAY RETURN."

H. C. C Astwood is trying to return to the Republican party. We would advise him to remain where he is, for there is no room in the party of Lincoln for such defamers and renegades as Astwood.—People's Messenger.

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LOOKS THAT WAY.

Every Republican is standing shoulder to shoulder. All dissentions are healed and everybody is fighting for victory. Falll in, if you are not already in line, and march with us to success. This is a Republican year.—The Midland Express.

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IT MAY BE, BUT—.

The colored people of the South are voiceless in the councils of the nation, but the prospects point to a good time near at hand when there will be a colored Congressman from Oklahoma, and a colored man in the Senate of the United States.—The Conservator.

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HE DOESN'T DENY IT.

There was no killing of the "fatted calf," when the prodigal Astwood returned to the Republican party. This man Astwood is nothing from principle. He is a chronic office-seeker and can be found wherever he imagines a political office is in sight.—Texas Freeman.

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TIME ENOUGH YET.

Senator Hill has consented to lead the Democratic forlorn hope in New York by accepting the nomination for Governor, and has shown his good sense by not resigning his seat in the U. S. Senate to do so. He is too shrewd for anything like that.—The New South.

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A GOOD RESOLVE.

The American Eagle proposes to espouse the cause of the Negro at all hazards. No influence is great enough to draw us from our path of duty. It is too apparent that unless the Negro becomes his own defender, he will be left to the mercies of designing enemies and treacherous friends.—The American Eagle.

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IF WE WOULD BE RESPECTED,

It will take the old cringing slave spirit some time we know to die, but die it must. There must arise an independent class of Negroes who know men only as men, and feel their worth and power to be as great as any other class of beings. We must learn to differ in our opinion, and yet to respect each other.—Standard Echo.

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SHE'S "ALL RIGHT!"

Whatever may be said about the advisability of Miss Wells' stumping tour in Great Britain, one thing is sure, Southern society looks upon the lynching of Negroes in quite a different light. This is something, though they "cuss" her in their pulpits and through their press. Let the agitation go on, and let the Negro do well his part —Connecticut Banner.

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WOULDN'T WONDER.

The great bluffers of the South, Northen, Fishback, O'Ferrall and others, have "blowed their little tin horns," but the committee of English visitors is quietly gathering the desired information, and when they have completed their work the world will be treated to a surprise greater even than can be pictured in the most startling imagination.—The Omaha Progress.

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HOW ABOUT YOUR GRAY MATTER?

We have a faint notion that we know the greatest poet of the race, but our native modesty forbids an expression upon the matter. If, however, you should chance to meet, on Dearborn street, some day, a rather fine looking brown skin man supporting a mustache and the early struggles of a Van-Dyke beard, you will have met our choice for the race's Poet Laureate They say our beard will be very becoming.—The Observer.

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YEARNING FOR THE MILLENIUM.

Our politics need badly the injection of new and healthier blood. To stem the tide of corruption which makes politics in some sections the synonym of all that is low and degrading, we need more men who are animated by high motives in the van; men of superior qualities of mind and heart, who have been trained to a right conception of their duty to the state and their fellowman. We can hope for no complete reform immediately, but such a radical change should be inaugurated as will ultimately put to silence the corrupt methods which often defy the will of the best element of the people.—Beacon Light.

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GOOD THINGS TO TALK ABOUT.

Sentiment in politics is about as sensible as sentiment in business. Politics is a business, and some of our white brethren have made it a very profitable one at that. It is a notorious fact that while we have been running or standing around talking about the Republican party and Jesus, our white brethren have been quietly embracing all political creeds, filling all the offices and absorbing the wealth of the land.—American Citizen.

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IN OTHER WORDS, GOT "HOOKS."

All Negro Republicans who joined the Democratic party for revenue and office have gotten left. The Democratic party could not be fooled, and the Democratic leaders know that when a Negro says he is a Democrat it is either for money or for office. Those who saw fit and joined the Democratic party had a perfect right to do so, but they should not, after disappointments, return to the fold and ask for a front seat on the stage. They must be on probation for five years before they will be received in the fold. These turncoats will be given five years' rest.—The Bee.

Good Young Man Dead.

Dermott, Ark., Special.

This community was shocked to hear of the death of Wesley Moore. He was a good boy, loved and respected by everyone, and his death has deprived Dermott of one of its best young men. Mr. Sir Glover is improving, and will soon be out among the girls again. Mr. Will Hunter, one of our great race men has obtained a situation as engineer of Charles T. Duke & Co.'s gin. Mr. Hunter has the name of being a splendid engineer. Mr. Green, our town blacksmith, says that business is improving. Mr. Sam Wilson, our deputy marshal, has returned.

Negroes Who Sell Their Manhood.

EDITOR THE FREEMAN:

I have been a constant reader of your valuable paper for quite awhile, and will say that if our race (especially in the South) would subscribe for, read and heed the good advice therein contained, they would certainly view the political arena differently to what they do, and cast their ballots more intelligently. Our section of country, like all others, has in our race, men who are traitors to their country, traitors to their fellow-men and traitors to everything that tends toward things that are good.

We had an election in this State on the 3d, inst., for Governor, State House officers, Representatives and Senators. As our party, the Republicans, failed to put out a ticket, it was understood at our State convention, which met in Atlanta, that we as a party would indorse and support the Populist ticket in opposition to the Democratic ticket. At our voting precinct a very large majority of our colored men stood square to the Populist side, while several of our color, who were looked upon by the Democrats as being our leaders, sold out to the enemy for a few dollars their rights, freedom privileges and principles.

Now, Mr. Editor, I have been led to believe that our color was no longer goods and chattels, to be bartered and traded at will. We have fine schools in Georgia for our colored people, and I have hoped as they advanced in intelligence they would show it at the ballot box. Now, I want it understood that I am opposed to good honest, hard working people (no matter what race it may be) being taxed to educate any race that will sell themselves and their principles. How can we by such conduct ever hope to raise ourselves in the estimation of the superior race—the white? It is a known fact that there is not a single colored man in the South who is really a Democrat at heart, and when we see him working in the interest of that party we know at once that he is either a fool or has sold out for boodle.

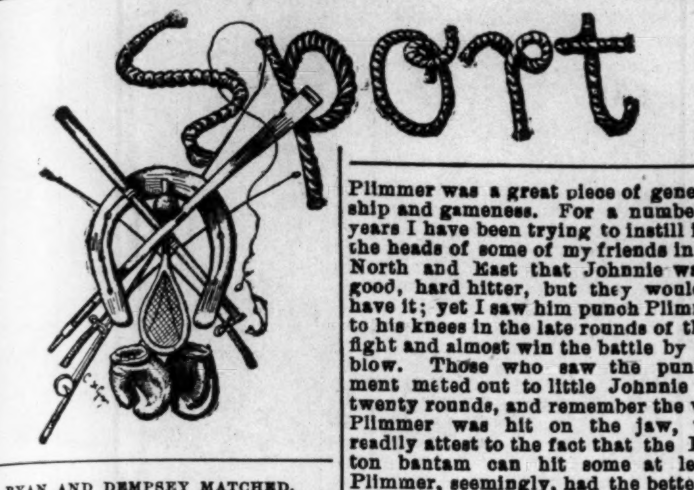
Nothing but the purest and best motives have prompted me to write this letter, and you may rest assured that there is no one living or dead who feels or has felt a greater interest in the prosperity and success of colored race than myself. Very respectfully,

POMP JOHNSON.

Are you a mechanic, a factory hand, do you labor in the soil, in the mines, the machine shop, the planing mill? Try a dust proof case "Premier," a FREEMAN gift.

Fair Warning!

Do you owe **THE FREEMAN** a debt of **LONG STANDING** for papers sent you, regardless that we have treated you nicely and permitted you to violate your promise to settle many times? You will be given up to and inclusive of **OCT. 20TH** to **PAY WHAT YOU OWE US**, failing, your name will printed in our **BAD DEBT LIST** now being prepared for weekly publication, that your proper status as a **DEAD BEAT AND FRAUD** may become known to the race generally. **AN HONEST MAN** owing us, will confer at once.



RYAN AND DEMPSEY MATCHED.

Tommy Ryan, the welterweight champion, and Jack Dempsey are as good as matched to fight at New Orleans for a $5,000 purse and the welterweight championship.

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ALIX AND DIRECTUM MATCHED.

Arrangements were consummated Oct 6 for a match race between Alix and Directum at Mystic Park, Oct 20, for a side stake of $2,500, with $4,000 added by the track association.

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DEFEATED THE RAVENS.

The game of base ball between the Athletics and Ravens, colored clubs of Memphis, Tenn, at Citizens Park, resulted in the defeat of the Ravens at the score of 18 to 14 In the second inning the score stood 6 to 4 in favor of the Ravens.

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THINK FITZ WOULD KNOCK HIM OUT.

Sporting men who saw how hard Frank Craig, the "Harlem Coffee Cooler," could land on Steve O'Donnell in their set-to at the Wintor Circus, Philadelphia, believe that Fitzsimmons would knock out O'Donnell almost as quickly as he did Creedon.

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TEN-MILE BICYCLE RACE.

The ten-mile bicycle race between colored wheelmen for the championship of the state, at Dan O'Leary's Athletic tournament, at Chicago, Ill., was won last Saturday by George O. Jones, of the West Side. The time was 28 minutes, and was a very easy victory for Jones.

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ANXIOUS TO MEET GRIFFO.

Andy Bowen's backer telegraphed the Police Gazette that he had expressed $1,000 to that office to match Bowen against Griffo for $2,500 a side and the purse of $5,000 offered by the Olympic club of New Orleans for a twenty-fire round contest between Griffo and Bowen.

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A MIXED MATCH.

Bob Costello, of Chicago, the 110-pound wrestler, issued a challenge to wrestle any man of his weight in this country—a mixed match. Costello is also somewhat of a boxer, and is willing to box any 110-pound man in the East before the club that offers the highest purse, Casper Leon preferred.

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SUPERIOR TO ABBOTT.

Jack Everhardt fully demonstrated his superiority over Stanton Abbott in the second encounter of the fistic series before the New Orleans club on the night of Oct. 2nd, in the presence of a large crowd. Abbott looked like a novice trying to land his left leads on his adversary, while Everhardt fought a very fair fight.

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WILL NOT ROW.

The chances for an international rowing match between Tom Sullivan and Jake Gaudaur seem to be failing This pair of oarsmen have been talking of tackling each other for so long a time that it is painful to the lovers of acquatics to think that there is no immediate hope of the men coming together. It was not wont to be so with the oarsmen in the days of Hanlan, O'Connor, Beach and Searle. Though these men represented three countries, they got together in a hurry and rowed races, while the present day champions are thinking about how they can row to their financial advantage.

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FITZ'S EASIEST PREY.

When the men were at it again Fitzsimmons' right shot out again, and three times was Creedon's body fearfully hammered, but, like a flash, and with trip-hammered regularity, Fitzsimmons landed three left-handed stabs on the nose that Corbett said was so hard to hit. Down went Creedon and down went his friends. He fell on the flat of his back, breathing hard and with a painful cast of countenance. He was carried to his corner, nursed back to sensibility and given every attention. He was Fitzsimmons' easiest prey. Fitzsimmons fought a fair fight and he deserves his victory.—Bantam in New Orleans Picayune.

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EIGHT ROUND CONTEST.

An eight round prize fight with five-ounce gloves, Marquis of Queensberry rules, for a purse of $200, was fought at Lyons, N. Y, Oct. 2nd, between Black Frank, a Canadian pugilist of local renown, and Michael Murphy, alias "Mike Moran," of New York city. Moran had the best of the fight up to the fifth round, when Frank scored a terrific knock-down on his jugular. The succeeding two rounds were hot ones, with the honors in favor of the New Yorker. In the latter part of the seventh round Black Frank's ankle gave out, but he finished the round doubled up in a heap. In the eighth round, just before time was called, Black Frank got in a swinging left-hander, knocking Moran out of time.

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THE BOSTON BANTAM.

Little Johnnie Murphy's battle with Plimmer was a great piece of generalship and gameness. For a number of years I have been trying to instill into the heads of some of my friends in the North and East that Johnnie was a good, hard hitter, but they wouldn't have it; yet I saw him punch Plimmer to his knees in the late rounds of their fight and almost win the battle by the blow. Those who saw the punishment meted out to little Johnnie for twenty rounds, and remember the way Plimmer was hit on the jaw, will readily attest to the fact that the Boston bantam can hit some at least. Plimmer, seemingly, had the better of the battle as far as it went, but midget Murphy was "there" all the time.—Bantam in New Orleans Picayune.

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WESTERN LEAGUE MEETING.

The Western Base Ball League held its annual fall meeting at the Auditorium hotel, Chicago, Oct. 3rd. The league pennant was awarded to Sioux City. Considerable interest was attached to the meeting, owing to the possibility of marked changes in the league. It was desired by many of the managers present to retire President G. B. Johnson, of Cincinnati, and elect in his place President James Hart, of the Chicago ball club. Further changes proposed were the dropping of the Sioux City and Grand Rapids clubs and the substitution of the Omaha and a new Chicago club. While there was pronounced opposition to this plan, its supporters felt confident that they would succeed before the final adjournment of the meeting.

POPLAR BLUFF NEWS.

An Up to Date Town Blessed With Wide Awake, Progressive Citizens.

Poplar Bluff, Mo., Special.

We have here the most "up to date" and enterprising little towns in South Eastern Missouri. We have a population of eighteen hundred of that number eight hundred are colored, many owning their own homes. We have two colored grocery stores, and about all of our people have employment. The only thing we can kick about now, is that the Board of Education, wont give us an assistant teacher for our public school. We are blessed with two good churches, a Methodist and a Baptist. On Monday evening October 1st, a party of young people met at the rehearsal room of the S. C, brass band, and organized a dramatic club, to be known as the Bluff City, Dramatic Club. Those who the club is composed of are as follows: Misses Mallie Redmond, Effie Martin, Artie Wyatt, Katie Wyatt and Miss Mary Crain. Gents were Prof. Henry A. Wheeler, Richard Phillips, Dennis Townsend, Louis Wyatt, Samuel Simons, Reuben Wyatt, William Blue, William Crain. Abraham, Charlie J. and William B. Bulliner, with William Davis manager, the club has commenced rehearsing the melodrama, "The harsh stepfather." The object of the club, is to raise money for the new Methodist church.

Born on September 30, A. D., 1894 a fine boy to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jordon. Miss Cora Harris is very sick at this writing with consumption. Mr. Samuel Simon, of Cape Girardeau, Mo, is in the city visiting relatives and friends. Mrs. Martha Favell died September 25th. She had been sick for some time. Peace to her ashes. Little Bethel Baptist church, which is located about four miles from town, was dedicated on Sunday September 30th, by Rev. H. F. Johnson, pastor of the Pleasant Hill Baptist church of this place. Mr. Adam Guinn, will return from Newport, Ark., on October 25th. Rev. Chas. James has moved from E. Poplar Bluff, to his new residence on 4th street. Mr Frank fields has been on the sick list. Mr. A. H. Pettie, the old reliable clothes cleaner and dyer, is still in the ring. Miss Julia Townsend left on last Sunday evening for St. Louis, Mo., to enter school. Mr. P. P. Tisdale runs a first class restaurant and lunch counter on 5th street. Mr. Jody M. Lee reached the city on last Friday October fifth from Paragould, Ark. He has connected himself with Mr. J. H. Dunn's barber shop.

Rev. W. B. White spent last week in St. Louis and DeSoto, Mo. The colored school principal, Prof. Henry A. Wheeler, has enrolled eighty four pupils. This is Prof. Wheeler's third year here. Mr. Reuben and Louis Wyatt by strict economy, politeness, and perserverance have built up; a trade of; white and colored that any gentleman would be proud; of. Mr. Harrison, who has been very sick was sent to St. Louis for treatment. On last Saturday night Mr. Summer Johnson was accompaning Miss Carrie Smith to an entertainment given at Pleasant Hill Baptist church, by the daughters of Tabanacle lodge. When a jealous lover, John Henry Woods, appeared near the church, and tried to rob Johnson of his company. Seeing that Johnson would not be robbed, he hit him, knocked him down and jumpted on him. While down Johnson managed to get his pistol out, and at once began to shoot at Woods. Three shots were fired one taking effect, the ball penetrated the left side, and lodged behind the heart, and as the ball was a twenty two it was not extracted. The last report from the wounded man was that he was in a dangerous condition, and the last report from Johnson was that he had "joined the bird company."

Mr. Thomas H. Hightower, one of our leading grocerymen, is doing a lucrative business. Friday evening the Poplar Bluff, royal literary society elected officers for the ensuing three months. William D. Davis, president; W. M. Crain, vice president; Miss Mallie Redmond, secretary; Miss Artie Wyatt, assistant secretary; Mr. Richard Phillips, Champlain; Prof Henry A. Wheeler, critic; and Reuben Wyatt Sargeant of Arms. After the election of officers a pleasing program was rendered. Will meet again on next Friday night at 8 o'clock. Those who love race enterprise, race progress, will come at once and subscribe for The Freeman. William Davis agent, office at Wyatt Brothers. Subscribers must not fail to call at the Post Office every Saturday for their paper.

The Social Club Entertainment.

Clarendon, Ark., Special.

Dr. W. R. Carson, of Holly Grove, preached a wonderful sermon at this place to a crowded house. The social club entertained its many friends on the 27 inst of last month at the residence of Mr. Hall and mother D. J. Collins and Will Bobo, of Holly Grove, was in the city last week on business. William Abercrumbie returned a few days ago from Little Rock, Ark. W. J. Jacobs spent a few days on the sick list. Mrs. Akins lost one of her children last week. Miss Susie Berry was much better at this writing. Rev. Hoke, of Little Rock, was in the city last week. The colored jeweler at Holly Grove, was taken suddenly sick, and died last week. Dr. Flanagin, of Holly Grove, was up Saturday and Sunday. Mr. Lillard was on the sick list last week. Mr, and Mrs. Sanders still have a sick child. The young men's Conversing Club meets every week at A. C. Allison's room. Miss Mary Smith was not much better at this writing. Miss Novella Martin is improving slowly. Mr. Jikson has been unable to be at his post this week on account of chills. Grand master D. H. Harris of G. U. O. of O. F. was in the city last week inrouts to Holly Grove.

EARLY MORNING BAPTISM.

The Populist Defeat—Old Wages Restored, Old Hands Go Back to Work.

Rome, Ga., Special.

Never was a scene more enchanting than that which met the eyes of thousands of Romans, both white and colored, standing upon the banks of the beautiful Etowah river, before sunrise last Sunday, to witness the baptism of thirty five souls who had made a confession of faith, and were to be immersed amid the dew and frost of Heaven. The morning was cold and bright, heavy wraps and overcoats being in demand. The Rev. J. G. Poindexter, pastor of the First Baptist Church, has demonstrated to his church and congregation his power as a preacher of large proportions. We had the pleasure of hearing this man preach such a powerful sermon that it seemed everybody in church was shouting. I had to pinch myself to know if I was shouting, too. His power of persuasion to sinners is irresistible. We do not give this information for the purpose of influencing in his behalf, for I am told that his congregation has so much love for him that the members have voted for him to stay as long as he wants to.

The Populist defeat brings to mind that old story of the man who wanted to jump across a creek. He stood on the bank wondering how he could make it over. Finally he decided to go about a half mile up the road to a big hill, and take a running start in order that he might jump across. But the poor man broke himself down before he got there, and jumped kersplash into the middle of the creek. So with the third party. They made such a speed in the beginning we thought success was sure to crown their efforts. But alas! their doom was sealed.

Dr. A. L. Samuels has returned home from Suwawee, Ga, where he has been teaching. He is a graduated pharmacist from Meharry Medical College. Prof. F. M. Gordon, principal of the State Colored Deaf and Dumb Asylum at Cave Spring, was up in the city last week He reports a large attendance this year. He owns a large and valuable farm, and is one of our most enterprising citizens Prof. A B Fortune has accepted a position at Hampton, Va., as a teacher, and will leave shortly for that place. A reduction of 20 per cent. in wages caused all the compress hands to strike on the 1st inst. The superintendent secured a number of green hands and proceeded to compress cotton, but finding they could make no speed at it, the old wages were restored and the men went back to work.

One of the most progressive Afro-Americans of our city is Mr. John Kane. His name is a synonym in every household in Rome. He owns thousands of dollars' worth of property and lives in comfortable style on Upper Broad street. Mr. Kane runs a grocery store and receives the patronage of both white and colored.

Negroes Deprived of their Opportunity.

Selma, Ala., Special.

The Negro in some portions of Alabama has very little privilege. While he tills the better portion of the land, what he makes is of very little profit to him. It seems to me that the white man plots against him to keep him down. He is driven from the white man by slight means. Now, let us see; one of his means is this: Four years ago I started to farming in Alabama. I bought a poor old mule on time; and, for the truth, I had feed enough to carry me and my family through, and only owe for the rent of land and mule. This makes the fourth year. When I bought the mule it cost me $140, and since then I have paid up to date eighteen bales of cotton, some weighing five and six hundred pounds, and now I still owe $240 Can the Negro get justice in that way? Can he accomplish his desires? No, and never will! There are several who would emigrate if they could, but by ill-treatment they are prevented. The Negro is not valued much more than a dog. Well what is said for the Negro: He will stand the sun and work for bread from morn till night, while the white man will pat him on the shoulder with one hand and cut his throat with the other. The world seems to be against him, but as the Israelites worked under task masters without straw, and crossed the Red sea before their enemies, likewise the Negro, without the means of life, will rise in triumph to his heart's desire. Yours for the race,

S. Mack.

A FINE ENTERTAINMENT.

Ravisher Still at Large—The Citizens Threaten Vengeance.

Clarksville, Tenn., Special.

A reception was given at Westley Chapel Thursday and Friday night October 4th and 5th. The participants were well in couples and were handsomely entertained. An affair at Gorham's hall Thursday night October 11th, for the benefit of the First Baptist church. Twenty-five cents was the fee collected at the door and ham, eggs, chicken cream, barbecue and all kinds of other refreshments were served to the guests. The waiters were Lucy Drane, Jane Ligon, Carrie Cross, Eva Miller, Emma Knott, Mara Farley, Sarah Brookman. Clay H. Evans, republican nominee for govenor, arrived here and delivered an eloquent speech and the colored band paraded the town, sending up loud enthusiam in honor to him. Misses Maggie Steal and Ida Gill is visiting Hadenville.

Willis Griffey, the would be ravisher of Miss Berry, is still at large and the citizens threaten vengance, and if he is caught he will be riddled with bullets. Jno. Wooten, the fugitive, was seen swiming Cumberland river, and "told the sergeant to take care of his case," that he was going to Canada. Mr. Ed. Brown who disappeared about four months ago, has returned home. Mr. Jeff Procter, the energetic fellow-citizen who was announced ill has recovered. Miss Callie Blaine, formerly of this city, is reported better at Dover. The Knights and Daughters of Tabor, the ladies of Marshal Niel's Tabernacle gave a grand entertainment and drill contest October 15th, between the nights for a gold medal. Lizzie Dix, Minerva Smith, Mary McNeal, Lilley Dortch, Annie Fisher, Hattie Victory Broddie Sir Jno. Dix, Bettie Hamilton committees."

Prof. J. C. Wharton, chemist of Nashville, has made a sufficient report to judge Tyler and attorney General Martin, concerning the result of his analysis of the stomache of Sam Price. Wharton states as a fact that Price was poisoned, and William Durham, the fiend well be-tried for habeas-corpus Chas. Dority, who has been wanted here for twelve months, was arrested on Yellow Creek by deputy Ollie Turner and sheriff, Whitt Broaddus. Oliver Wendell Holmes, the world's renowed poet, well known in the city died in Boston October 8th. W. P. Hunt, the all around swindler and forger who has been wanted in Calloway county, Ky., for three years was arrested on Pine Ridge and brought here Miss Nina Evans, of Evans, a charming damsel, is visiting her Aunt, Mrs. Pete Cobb, on 78 Washington street. "Look out boys."

Church Barbecue.

Argenta, Ark., Special.

Saturday night the Second Baptist church had a barbecue and a nice time. The funeral of Miss Copeland, daughter of A. Copeland, was preached at the Christian church after Sunday school.

WOMAN'S WORLD.

Instructive and Interesting Items of News

Gleaned from Philosophers' Puns and Press Comments Pertaining to Women.

MY OWN.

Brown heads and gold around my knee
  Dispute in eager play;
Sweet, childish voices in my ear
  Are sounding all the day;
Yet, sometimes in a sudden hush,
  I seem to hear a tone
Such as my little boy's had been
  If I had kept my own.

And when, ofttimes, they come to me,
  As evening hours grow long,
And beg me winningly to give
  A story or a song,
I see a pair of star-bright eyes
  Among the others shine—
The eyes of him who ne'er has heard
  Story or song of mine.

At night I go my rounds and pause
  Each white-draped cot beside,
And note how flushed is this one's cheek,
  How that one's curls lie wide;
And to a corner tenantless
  My swift thoughts fly apace—
That would have been, if he had lived,
  My other darling's place.

The years go fast—my children soon
  Within the world of men
Will find their work and venture forth,
  Not to return again;
But there is one who cannot go—
  I shall not be alone;
The little boy who never lived
  Will always be my own.

—Mary W. Plummer.

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Flour made from chestnuts ground after they are thoroughly dried, forms the main food of the poor peasants in the Apennines all winter. They also shell the nuts and boil them with caraway seeds to give them a flavor.

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Queen Victoria's newest maid of honor, Miss Majendie, owes her entrance to royal favor to a curious bit of chance. She happened to be singing in a church choir one day when the Queen was present at divine service, and her Majesty was so greatly pleased with the fresh sweetness of the girl's face and voice that she invited her to fill the place coveted by the young girls of the British aristocracy. The offer was the last thing Miss Majendie herself expected.

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The English village school teacher has a harder time of it than the American girl in a similar position. Her salary never exceeds $300 a year, and often $200, and for this stipend she is required to teach an ungraded school, and frequently to keep the school house and its sanitary appointments clean and in order, as well as teach in the Sunday school and play the organ for church services. Her field of labor is often a barn, which is too dilapidated for its original use, cold and penetrated by all the winds of heaven. And the young woman who is placed in the humiliating position is generally a college graduate of cultivation and refinement.

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One of the most deserving of the many charitable organizations in the city of New York is the Day Star Industrial Home, for friendless and destitute women, which for eleven months has done a great work in temporarily caring for women without homes, sheltering and finding work for them or restoring them to estranged relatives and friends. During its short career of usefulness, the Home in a quiet, unostentatious way, has aided, found employment for and brought back to paths of usefulness more than 200 women, many of whom were friendless and destitute. The Home has many patrons and some of the most prominent men in charitable works are members of its Board of Managers. They are greatly pleased with the work so far accomplished, but have been obliged to petition charitable persons for aid to carry it along until it shall become, in a measure, self-supporting.

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Women are steadily extending their field of labor and securing positions in the most masculine character of service. Each year sees them engaging in occupations that had been considered as possible only for men to perform. In Nebraska a woman owns and personally operates a traveling steam threshing-machine outfit and goes about the country with it and makes her own contracts. There are two women captains on steamboats on the Mississippi river, each one holding a United States marine license as captain. One owns her own boat, the other is owned by a company of merchants. There is another captain of a steamer on Puget sound. There are three women pilots on the Mississippi river, all holding licenses. In a single saw-mill in Washington state two women work on the shingle machine, and at another mill in the same locality a woman runs the dummy log engine that hauls the immense logs into the mill yard. One of the great manufactories of household furniture in Grand Rapids, Mich., employs a woman as chief designer of artistic furniture and pays her a handsome salary. She employs two or three girls as assistants. Another woman holds a similar position in the service of a great stove company in Detroit. The Studebaker carriage builders in South Bend, Ind, employ a woman artist to do the delicate ornamental painting on the vehicles they make. A woman is steward and purser of a steamer running between Grand Haven and Chicago. There are several women who own and manage livery stables in Western cities and women farmers and women cattle rangers are numerous in all Western states. There are also many women engaged in fruit culture. One of the finest vineyards in Iowa is owned and managed by a young woman, ex-school teacher.

The Ladies' Home Journal.

For the first time in his literary career Jerone K Jerone is about to write directly for an American audience. This work consists of a series of papers similar in vein to his "Idle Thoughts of an Idle Fellow," but addressed to American girls and women. The articles will begin shortly in The Ladies' Home Journal, which periodical will print the entire series.

The Poorest Man in the World

Can write to me and receive by return mail, in a plain envelope, sealed, free, a prescription with full directions for a speedy, permanent and private home cure for Lost Manhood, Nervous Debility, Atrophy, Night Losses, Varicocele, etc. I will furnish the medicine, if desired, cheaper than it would be put up at a drug store. Address G. B. Wright, box No. 1868, Marshall, Mich.

Has Closed Her School.

Helena, Ark., Special.

Mr. Joseph Brook is in the city. Miss Anna C. Watson has closed her school at Marvell. Mr. Coursey Clark is in Little Rock, Ark. Mr. Mark Alexanker has entered Theology school at Fisk University, at Nashville, Tenn. Mr. McPhetus came near loosing his residence by fire. Miss Anna Gussie Grey took leave for Arkadelphia, accompanied by her brother, U. O. Grey who was making a trip to the Springs. Mr. Sam Johnson has gone to New Orleans. Quite a storm struck our city, several sheds and fences were blown down, but no serious damage.

The Ida B. Wells Club.

Leadville, Col., Special.

The lady's Ida B. Wells Republican Club met at the usual place on the 3rd. The president appointed a committee of three to draw up resolutions indorsing the course of Miss Ida B Wells, and commending the manly reply of the Press committee to the governor of Virginia. The meeting was addressed by Madams Bohanan, Robinson, Hodges, Henderson Young and Miss Bohanan Sheppard. The secretary read a letter from the Central committee at Denver, commending the ladies on their work, and offering to send a campaign speaker if the club wished. The offer was accepted and a committee appointed to arrange for the same. It remains for the women to redeem Colorado from populists as they did Leadville last spring.

Age And Youth.

Logansport, Ind., Special.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Turner, who have been ill at their home on Helm street, are convalescing. Elwood Winslow is sick with the grip. Rev. McDaniels, our new pastor, is liked very much. Mr. Malone has sold out his interest in the Third street shop to his partner, C. C Powell, and is now running a shop in the Murdock hotel. Mrs Frank Carter has returned from Richmond, where she attended the bedside of her mother and sister. Mrs. Ed. Russell, of Wabash, is visiting her parents. Madison Carter will go to Chicago on a visit. Mrs. Lewis Johnson is seriously ill. Mrs. J. W. Parker is recovering from a long spell of sickness. The Lafayette colored team will play the Brownies the 19th. A very amusing incident happened last Sunday night as the congregation of the A. M. E. church was going home. A certain old citizen was seen going up the street arm in arm with a lady said to be only 22. He was seen the next day and he said he only wanted to show the people that he wasn't too old for everybody.

B. Square's Bluster.

The doings of Penn and Quilldriver, Editors, Journalists, Etc.

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CHAPTER IV.

P. & Q POSING AS CHAMPIONS OF THE PEOPLE'S WEAL.

The town of Z—— in the state of —— was one of the finest towns in the South. Coal and iron were some of the hidden treasures of the section, and the editors of "The Morning State Rights," and "Evening Lost Cause," aided by Col. Fuscitizensar, F. F. V., planter, and other leading white men had been trying, with poor success, to get Englishmen and Yankees with money to settle in the section, The climate, they were told in long, big worded articles, was unexcelled; the land and land owners, the best that could be found; good houses, good public schools, good churches, good neighbors, in fact everything to make it a utopian Eden for the stranger with a white face who entered the gates of Z—— with money to invest.

Bro. Penn, now in truth Hon. I. S. Penn, U. S. Minister, Exaggerated and Envoy, inflated elect to the North Pole, played third fiddle in the musical plot to get the dollars of England and New England by constantly publishing in the Fog Horn, accounts of the happy relations between the freedman and his former master. We will not say that Penn was a knave, and cannot truthfully say that he was a fool; as we reflect over the matter we conclude he was "alf and alf," as the English ale drinker would say. He was knave enough to make it appear that the whites of Z—— were doing right in all their dealings with the colored people, and fool enough to believe that by making it so appear would bring the hoped for results.

The Hon. I. S. Penn was way off his bearings. There is but one thing that can change the mind of the average ex-rebel, or as we now call them, the "fust citizens of the community," and that is shot and shell. The only good ex-slave owners are the dead ones the boys in blue and the boys in black left upon the battle field during the '60's.

One thing about Penn we can't help but admire, he believed in the old pluck inspiring saying, "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again;" so the Fog Horn one week during the time we have in mind contained the following editorial:

"THE HAPPY RELATIONS OF THE PAST BETWEEN THE TWO RACES RETURNING

"We have always advocated through the columns of the Fog Horn that the happy relations which existed in this section before the war, between our people and the white ladies and gentlemen, would return. We knew that history, true to itself, would repeat the by-gone days when the man and master worked, hunted and slept together, when the interest of maid and mistress were one; that truth, peace and prosperity would once more, as of yore, beam upon our beloved Southland; the time will come when the white man of the South will regain the confidence he had of yore in the honesty and faithfulness of his brother in black; the time will come when the ideal dream of our people of both races will be a stern reality.

"Every day we notice some incident which is a fore runner of the near future. We are pleased to note this week the fact that Mr. A. Pourwhite and his colored neighbor, Tom Golddust have purchased together a farm about two miles out of town, which they intend to work together. They have commenced the building of two fine cottages upon their land not over five hundred yards apart. The farm cost $3,000 and was paid for in cash by Tom Golddust, Mr. Pourwhite giving him his note for half the amount. It is recorded in the county court house in this town as the property of Pourwhite & Golddust.

"Another incident of the same order is fresh in our mind. Last month Mr. Baxter and George Sapple, a colored brother, opened a stall in the city market, where they have since been displacing beef and pork to some of the best citizens. Mr. Baxter's name only appears on the sign over the stall, and George Sapple, it is true, does not wait upon customers, but carries the orders about town. Some short sighted people of the race are calling Sapple a fool, and saying as he furnished all the money to open the stall, his name should appear upon the sign. These people know nothing of the tricks of trade, or the amount of patronage the single name of Mr. Baxter brings to the firm. Sapple is content and others should be.

"We could recall hundreds of like incidents which clearly proves that the so-called white Rebublican friends (?) the strife makers and fire eaters who claim that there is bad blood between the races in the South in general, and this section of the state —— in particular, are uttering foul lies and rot. Our citizens of both races are thrifty, progressive, law loving and law abiding. The two races, with of course a few exceptions, are marching onward and upward, hand in hand, regardless of the blood and thunder hue and cry of a few white knaves and black pessimists."

We regret to record the fact that two days after the above article appeared in the Fog Horn, the best white citizens of the section let go of the hands of their brothers in black and lynched four colored persons; three men (one 72 years old) and a woman who was killed through mistake, (?) having been taken for another person.

The next issue of the Fog Horn said not a word about the outrage, and the Morning State Rights and Evening Lost Cause gave but a passing notice of the murders.

Editor Quilldriver in the North noticed it however, and paid a white detective out of his own pocket to go down South and get the facts of the case. The result of which was that the next issue of the Searchlight contained the following notice:

"MASS MEETING! COLORED MEN AROUSE!!

"There will be a mass meeting of the colored people of this city and their white friends, at Carpenter Institute, on Wednesday evening, at 7:30 p. m, to denounce the unlawful and cold blooded murder of four colored persons near Z——, in the state of ——, without trial by judge or jury.

"All persons who believe in the constitutional truth that this is a country of the people, for the people, and that lawlessness and lynching in the South should be denounced as un-American, are respectfully invited. Seats reserved for ladies and members of the press.

"The Hon. I. Quilldriver, editor and sole owner of the National Afro-American Searchlight, will preside.

"By order of the committee: A. Fairfax, John Smith, J. Wright, Wm. Brown."

The indignation meeting was a success. Carpenter Institute hall was crowded to its doors; several white believers in constitutional rights spoke; the detective told the true story of the outrage. The morning newspapers of the Republican stripe denounced the crime against law and order, and even some of the Democratic papers said "if" the report was true, it was a disgrace to the country. The next issue of the Searchlight contained the following:

"SOUTHERN OUTRAGES DENOUNCED BY LAW-LOVING CITIZENS OF BOTH RACES.

"The large hall in Carpenter Institute was filled to an overflow with thousands of law-loving people of both races last Wednesday evening. The meeting was called to order by Mr. A Fairfax, chairman of the committee, who stated the object of the meeting. The secretary then read the following resolutions:

"WHEREAS, We learned some two weeks ago through the public press several colored persons were lynched in cold blood without even a fair hearing in the state of ——, near Z——, for several alleged crimes, and

"WHEREAS, We had reasons to doubt the truthfulness of the report, we sent a detective down South, who reports that after a free, full and impartial investigation he found that these colored people were murdered in cold blood for an act they never committed, therefore be it

"Resolved, That we the law-abiding and law-loving people of the North hereby enter a protest against the un-American and savage outrages to which our people in the South are subjugated. We hereby appeal to a jury of law-loving citizens and their opinion upon these outrages.

"Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the National Afro-American Fog Horn."

His Comforter.

EDITOR FREEMAN:—Please give space in the columns of your invaluable paper to the indulgence of a tyro correspondant. Trusting that your big, generous and kind heart will pardon such intrusion. I have just laid aside my comforter, the greatest of all my comforts except my bible, The Freeman, containing portraits of some of the giants and champions of the race. I can scarcely keep back the tears from my eyes, when I look at the mighty Turner, the elequent Douglass, Miss Ida B. Wells, and more than a match for Southern white cowards, lynchers and midnight assasins, the able W. Allison Sweeney, Fortune, Greener, Bruce and hosts of others. To think of the up hill way those great lights have had to push their way through the dark cloud of American prejudice, is enough to stricken the heart of the most ambitious. Mr. editor I must again asked to be pardoned for your indulgence. I did not mean to say so much as I have said.

W. C. GALLMAN
New Orleans, La.

Attempted Murder.

Paducah, Ky., Special.

On the morning of October 28th, Mrs. William Marable, called on Mrs. Harry Givens, and after being received drew a Smith and Wesson revolver and fired at her without effect. Mrs. Givens in return grabbed her assailant and wrenched the pistol from her, and proceeded to punish her severely, but from interference of friends bodily injuries would undoubtly have been inflicted. From the fact that it occurred on South 7th street and the prominence of the parties concerned, it created great excitement and drew the whole neighborhood to the scene of battle. The examing trial took place the following morning, and the court room was packed to hear the evidence. Mrs. Marable was put under $300 bond to answer at the Dec term of Circuit Court. Several remors are afloat concerning the cause of the trouble, the affair is being regretted on both sides. Mrs. Lacretia Young died on the 28th with the dropsy. The excursion to St. Louis on the 29th, drew a slim crowd although the fare was $3.00 for the round trip with four days limit. Louis Rucker and George Doury was in the city last week visiting friends and relatives. Sam Owens, the accused murderer of Sam Ogilvie, of this country, was taken to Henderson for safe keeping last week by officers James Geary and Fred Hoyer, it was deemed not wise to bring him here at present. There is a sensation brewing, that from all accounts will eclipse any former effort. No attention will be paid to any communication to appear in in The Freeman that has no signature attached to it. Minor Bradshaw agent 418 Jackson street.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY A CALL

Meeting of Colored Citizens Indorsing Miss Ida B. Wells.

WHEREAS, Self-sacrificing service has been rendered and womanly courage shown by Miss Ida B. Wells, a distinguished Negro lady, in that she has been moved by a spirit of earnest Race Pride to champion our cause. After appealing to her own country, she braved the angry waves, and in Europe appealed in thunder tones to Christianity and liberty in our behalf.

RESOLVED, Therefore, that our thanks be tendered and hereby expressed by this meeting to her, for so high a degree of womanly courage and the world's wide influence, that may yet result from her faithful and Heroic labors.

Resolved, That our thanks are due His Excellency, Gov. J. S. Hogg, the Dallas News, Memphis Papers, The Freeman, Christian Recorder, and other papers, who have denounced Lynch law.

Resolved, That these resolutions be sent to Miss Wells and the News and the Chicago Tribune, the Denison Herald, and The Freeman. Signed Rev W. D F Pyle, D. D, Pastor A. M. E. church, Rev. William B. Johnson, Secretary, Rev. E H. Garland, A. M. Pastor Hopewell Baptist church, H. W. Gillian, committee.

Denison, Tex.

The Last Day of School.

Courtland, Ala, Special.

Corn crops are very good here but cotton crops are unexpectedly short. The weather being fine the farmers are making a headway harvesting their crops. Prof. R. T. Burt closed his school near Moulton, a few days ago with an examination which reflected credit upon the pupils, and showed the teacher to be a master of his profession. After the examination a very sumptuos dinner was spread by patrons, which was enjoyed by all who were present. The spelling match which took place after dinner captivated all who witnessed it. The school gave an exhibition at night and and the pupils acquited themselves very gracefully and intellegently. They showed a mark of careful training. The pieces were so well performed that the people laughed enough to do them six months. The Col. County Teachers' Institute met here the 26th and 27th ult. The attendance was liberal and topics very interesting. Prof. A W McKinney, of Huntsville, Ala., delivered the annual address which was unsurpassable.

Republican Club Organized.

Pierce Station, Tenn., Special.

Hon. P. F. Hill, of Union City, Tenn, was here on the 26th, ult., and organized a Republican club. George Browder was elected president; Henry Simpson, secretary. A good number of people left here for Fulton, Ky., Sunday week to attend the funeral of Mrs. Cora White. Mrs. Addie Waddle was here last week on business. It is rumored that Wm. Pierce, Jr., was whipped very severely a few nights ago for marrying to a white lady. Mrs Lucy Morris is up again. If you want to keep posted on race news, take The Freeman, only 5 cents per copy. W. H. Brawder, agent. Look for him every Saturday.

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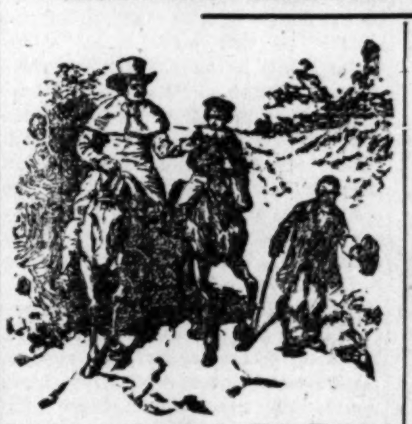

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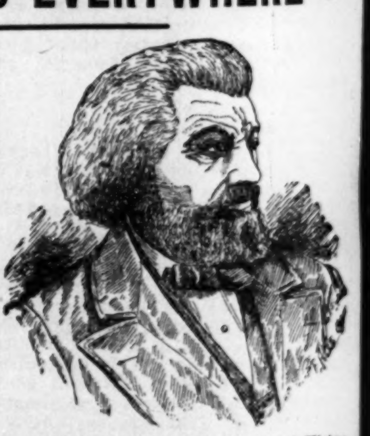

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Look down the annals of time and see the bloodstained backs of your grandsires, and then tell me how you can afford to vote for a party that never advocated your cause. If it is for the base dollar you sell your manhood to a party that never went on record to advocate your cause, you vote for a party that enacts laws to humiliate you, you wife and your children. The "Jim Crow" cars stand out as a living monument, not to elevate, but to degrade. Then, look facts in the face and see our grand old Republican party—a party of progress; one that aims to advance and perpetuate our country and solve the great problems to protect, on land and sea, to unite and harmonize, to protect all home industry, open all avenues of commerce, develop the hidden treasures of the Rocky mountains and further the interest of our countrymen. It is the party of law and order throughout the land; then, with native pride, cast your vote for the party that stands on record to advance mankind; that proclaims the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. The party stands to-day that nominated John C. Fremont for its standard-bearer in 1856, and honest Abe Lincoln in 1860, who commanded the ship of statehood and nailed the stars and stripes to her mast, and they never trailed in the dust. Vote for the party that Governor Morton worked so hard for—all honor to his name! Like a living monument, his statue stands on Monument Square, and his memory is green in the love of all the citizens of Indiana. Vote for principles based upon the measures of the grand old party that said you are now and forever *free*; vote for the party that said you have a right to vote, and we will give you that right to guard your citizenship; vote for the party that clothed you with vested rights. Then tell me how the Negro can vote the Democratic ticket. All great measures that clothed the Negro, as a man, the great and grand old party, the pride of this Nation gave to him. It gave him the bayonet, the gun and the sabre and told him to use them like a man. Search the records of the battlefields and they will tell you a true story—a living wall, 300,000 hearts that beat as one, 300,000 souls that sang one tune of victory or death. Then tell me not that the Negro can afford to vote the Democratic ticket.

If ever God answered the prayers of a people, our God answered in a manner that surprised the world; that gun that sent forth the death sound of slavery from Charleston harbor, from Fort Sumter, accomplished things not intended; then tell me how can a Negro afford to be a Democrat. It is for the gift of the position of a Taylor, or is it for the almighty dollar, or is it for the great love you have for the Democratic party? Is it for laws the Democratic party enacted, for your privilege to ride in "Jim Crow" cars, or is it for some great grant or measure that party drafted for the elevation of the Negro? What law or act have the state or national Democratic party granted to further the Negro on his march to manhood and prosperity? Then how can the Negro vote the Democratic ticket in the face of facts that stand on record as an opposer of all methods that the Republican party drafted to raise and elevate the Negro of America. Charles Sumner, thanks to the Supreme Ruler, his good works stand to-day fresh and green in the minds of all true and grateful Afro American citizens, and they cast their vote for love and honor to commemorate the work of one that was struck down by Preston Brooks, of South Carolina, in the Senate chamber for defending the rights of the Negro; then how can the Negro vote against the Republican party that gave him the privilege of that vote, which he never would have got from the Democratic party.

The Negro of to-day places little value on the great acts of men who went to the grave defending the rights of Negroes and transforming a slave into a citizen of the United States. Look back thirty-five years, a trembling slave, and to-day we stand the admiration of the world by our advancement in all pursuits of life, and we owe it to the Republican party. Then how can a Negro afford to be a Democrat? It is wise to discriminate in local issues where the Negro has no vital interest at stake; but, nevertheless, use good judgment under all circumstances, and when the Democrats come out boldly and acknowledge the Negro by giving him positions of trust, in placing men of acknowledged worth in office, backed by measures enacted to further our manhood, backed by good faith in helping our people in their struggle to fight the adversities of life—then it is time enough to proclaim, I am a Democrat. We, as a people, cannot afford to commit an act of ingratitude to right an imaginary wrong. It is an undisputed fact that the Democratic party never would have had the opportunity to place Taylor in the Recorder's office if the Republican party had not given him his vote, for they never would have had any use for him or any Negro, only to subserve their interests. Then act the man of honor, so that your acts will not rebound, but be admired by your fellow-man. The Negro should learn we have other avenues to open outside of politics. All Negroes cannot live by politics. We have to introduce our boys into shops, our girls into stores, help move commerce; produce something yourself, and don't consume everything the white man makes, and in time you will arrive at the point of acknowledged worth that commands respect. Teach your boys to be machinists and tradesmen, to pursue the battle of life that they can attain wealth and be builders in the land, and then it will be time to say, I am a Democrat.—Indianapolis Journal, Oct. 3.

In Foot Washing.

Mineola, Tex., special.

Several new buildings are being erected here. There are three railroads that come to Mineola. The country is a fertile one, and abundance of fruit is being raised and shipped to other markets. The cotton crops are good this year, but the low prices greatly interfere with farmer's aim. The Freeman is welcomed by a great many of our friends in this town. They are always glad to buy a copy and receive the good news that it ever brings. The preachers are always ready to buy a copy. Several colored Chaistian preachers of the Christian church have been preaching in town for the past two or three weeks, but have not received any new members. Some of the preachers believed in foot-washing and some do not, therefore, it seemed that things did not agree so well among them.

Went Away to Marry.

Brazoria, Tex., Special.

Will you allow space in your valuable paper? E. C. Branch has gone to Houston; will marry a young lady of that city. The Freeman meets the unanimous approval of all that read it in this city. Some are anxious for Saturday to come that they may have The Freeman to read. Rev. Z. Jones an A. M. E. divine, standing second to none in a true sense of the word, is a weekly reader of The Freeman. We want more such women as Sister Z Jones to work up the Sabbath schools in destitute places. Every lover of his race and every loyal citizen should read The Freeman. We need ministers, indeed, and women that is an honor to the Afro-American race. We hope in a space of time The Freeman will be read around every hearth stone and family circle.

Fox Justice of Peace.

Havre, Mount., Special.

Nalice has made a host of friends and is doing excellent business. Mr. O. R. D. Wellborne, one of our business men and proprietor of one of the finest restaurants in the city, and a leading republican, politician and is now a candidate for justice of peace. From present indications will have no trouble in getting elected. Mr. and Mrs. William Banks, proprietor of the First street laundry is doing good business. Their aged mother being one of the first settlers has made a host of friends and is well liked by every one. Mrs. S. B. Spaulding, proprietor of the Viena bakery and and oyster pardon have opened a restaurant in addition to the above, and is prepared to furnish the best of meals on short.

Rally Day.

Dover, Miss., Special.

Sunday, the 30th, ult., was rally day of the Woman's Home and Foreign Mission society at St. Paul's Baptist church. Rev. S. S. Wilson read for his scripture lesson the 14th chapter of Judges, and preached from the 1st chapter of Sam., 15th verse. Collection $15 00. Postmaster E. S. Logan has rebuilt his store which was destroyed by fire the 15th of last January. Prof. J. A. Marshall has returned from his summer school. W. Wells, Sr., talks of going to Africa. The F. A. met at St. Paul's Baptist church Oct 6th.

Cotton Very Low.

Sulphur Springs, Tex., Special.

Cotton is still 5 cents per pound, and the farmers are forced to sell at this low price. Miss Cora A. Young, of Jefferson, is in town feeling good over the grade she made in the county examination. Her certificate holds good for two years Miss Edith Watson left Sunday, the 30th, ult., for Marshall, Tex, where she will attend Bishop College this year. She was accompanied by Rev. J. R. Robinson, her father.

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CITY HAPPENINGS—PERSONAL.

Mrs. Myrtle Harris is at the World office.

Miss Ce'ia Bass is home from Connersville.

S. G. Givens is changing his business location.

Entertainments on the Southside are averaging with the best.

H. [L. Sanders was in Lebanon, Ind., this week on business.

George Hill is connected with Bennett's photograph gallery.

Neppie Minor returned to her home at Chicago on last Monday.

C. B. Henderson, of Chicago, was in the city during the past week.

Mrs. George Brown who resides at No. 3, McGuffin street, is indisposed.

Mrs. Laura Gaines, who resides at 237 W. Michigan street, is on the sick list.

The Anti-Lynching League met at Simpson Chapel on last Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Lizzie Venable gave a church social at her house on last Tuesday evening.

Dr. C. H. Scott left the city on last Sunday for Louisville and other points South.

Mrs. Bettie Hicks, of Lexington avenue, has returned from a pleasant visit to friends in Kentucky.

The Herculean Quartette, led by William Hunt, manager, returned from Terre Haute on last Monday.

Mrs. Belle Miles, of Louisville, is stopping with Miss Amanda Beckley, 36½ West Washington street.

Rev. Jason Bundy and family passed through the city last Wednesday, enroute to his new charge at Joliet, Ill.,

Fred A. Stokes left for Lafayette, Ind., on last Monday to take a post graduate course at Purdue University.

Miss Einora Vancleve, of 127 Hillside avenue, who has been seriously ill for the past three weeks, is convalescing.

Mrs. Thomas Perry gave a social at her residence, 317 W. North street, on last Thursday evening. It was a brilliant affair.

Clark Burton was injured last Monday evening by running into an electric car with his bicycle. He is able to be out again.

Randolph Barbour says he must have first prize at the great spelling match next Monday night, at Coburn-street Baptist Church.

The B. M. C. of the G. U. O. O. F. through the efforts of Mr. Ben T. Thornton, will hold their session in this city during the year.

The society journal read by Mrs. J. T. V. Hill before the Epworth League at Simpson Chapel, last Thursday evening, was highly commented upon.

Rev. Alexander Campbell is succeeding admirably as postor of the Christian Church, North West corner of Fourth and Howard streets.

The Smith club organized last Monday night with William Jackson as president and A. H. Scott as secretary. Meeting Monday night at 16½ Indiana avenue.

Marcus J. Gilliam, of Wilbeforce, Ohio. will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. V. Hill. 112 Martindale Avenue, during the National Y. P. C. E. Association, which convenes in this city.

We expect to be entertained soon by a wedding in our city. Mr. A. E. Gramley, of Chicago, and Miss A. M. Burris, of Indianapolis. Mr. Gramby is a highly respected citizen of Chicago.

The grand spelling match which the rain storm, Tuesday evening, Oct. 2, prohibited so many from attending, will be repeated at Coburn-street Baptist Church next Monday evening, Oct. 15.

The marriage of Grant Coley and Miss Lettie Misner was solemnized Thursday evening, September 27, at the groom's home, 202 West First street. The bride wore white crepe trimmed in pink and carried bride roses. Rev. J. W. Carr officiated.

Our people would do well to note the fact that John Clark is foreman and master mechanic at Hearsey & Co's bicycle works on North Pennsylvania street, and has served with credit to his employers in that capacity for more than three years. He bears the distinction of being the only negro in the State who is thus honored, All honor to Hearsey & Co.

Personal Mention.

Leonidas H. Wilson, Esq , of Cincinnati, is expected in the city to-morrow.

James H. Davis, an old Indianapolis boy, was in the city this week, shaking hands with his many friends. He will spend the winter in California.

Mrs. Annie G. Hughes and sister, Mrs. Emily Ballard, have returned from Louisville, where they were called on the occasion of the death of their sister, Mrs. Mattie Black, an old resident of Louisville, and for many years a member of Green-street Baptist Church.

Mr. Benjamin Thornton returned from Boston last Monday noon, where he had been in attendance as a delegate from Indiana to the Seventh Biennial Convention of United Order of Odd Fellows. It was mainly through Mr. Thornton's efforts that the next biennial gathering of the order will take place here.

From letters received in Indianapolis, the many friends of Miss Mary E. Johnson, of West Second street, this city, will be interested to learn that she has bid adieu to Green mountain life in Vermont, where she has spent the heated term, and is now, and will be until the holidays, a resident of Boston, Mass. Her address is 389 Northampton street.

BISHOP WAYMAN

And Dr. Henderson and Wife Tendered a Reception.

Last Monday evening at Bethel A. M. E. Church, this city, a reception was tendered Bishop Waymen and wife, and the pastor, Rev. T. W. Henderson, and his estimable lady, which filled the lecture room of that fine edifice from nook to nook. The address on behalf of the church to the destinguished beneficiaries was delivered by J. L. Jones, Esq. and is spoken of as a happy and comprehensive effort. In concluding his remarks, Mr. Jones alluded as follows to the watchful care of Dr. Henderson:

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Herculean Club.

The Herculean Club, the leading colored Republican club of the State, will have their grand opening Monday night at the club's headquarters, on Douglass street. The public and all Republican clubs are invited to attend. The following are the officers: President, Joseph Broyles; vice-president, Thomas Pratt; second vice president, Charles Stewart; secretary, James Shelton; assistant secretary, Zack Young; treasurer William Lewis; membership committee, Elwood Knox, Felix Gayton, Edward Stewart, Thos. Jefferson, Wm. Davis. Board directors, Chas. Stewart, Morris White, Sol Meaux, Abe Denny, Wm. Dawson, Wayne Davidson.

Acquitted.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

Will you give me a little space in your widely circulated paper to say that Rev. T. R. Prentis was acquitted of the charges preferred against him by Rev. U. S. Rollins, after a careful investigation, in Jeffersonville, Sept. 14, '94.

C. JONES.

Obituary.

George Washington Beckley, an old resident of this city, died last Sunday, Oct. 7, and was buried from Vermont-street Church, Tuesday, the 9th, Dr. Henderson officiating. A wife and two daughters, Amanda and Susan, survive him. He was a member in good standing of the Independent Sons of Honor, he having at different periods filled all the offices within the gift of the order.

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The colored people are employed in almost every large establishment in the city. Prof. Daniels and Miss Susan Brent are doing well in music, each having a number of scholars. Henderson Walker holds a lucrative position in the Post Office department as mail carrier. We have quite a number of clerks in different kind of stores. The public schools are in an excellent condition. We have mixed schools. The Lincoln school of which the enrollment is almost of colored children, has for its principal, R. A. Byrd, formerly of Carthage, Mo., where he acquired the reputation as a teacher and an orator of the first rank. Mr. Byrd has the honor of being the youngest State conductor of Institutes in Missouri, and also carries that honor (if it can be called such) in the State of Illinois, as the youngest principal in the State. The people are expecting great things from the Lincoln schools.

He is ablely assisted by the following teachers: Misses Rody Johnson, Jessie Dorsey, Susan Brent, and Mrs. Fanny Monroe. Mrs. Monroe is one of the finest lady teachers in the State, she has held important positions in Kansas and Kentucky. The Illinois Weekly Progress devoted to the interest of the colored people, is edited and published here. It has been quite successful. The editor, T. A Allen, is in St. Louis, attending the exposition. It might be well to say that the principal of the Lincoln school has the consent of the Board of Education to use in the school, the school history of the Negro race in America, by Prof. Johnson, of Raleigh. The writer will say a few words soon on the importance of a history of the Negro race taught to our children.

RAB BAR,
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Denies Taking Poison.

Paducah, Ky., Special.

Quite a sensation was created in the city last week, by the announcement that Clarence Owens, a well known young man of the city, had tried to commit suicide by taking a dose of rough on rats. Drs. Stewart and Roberson succeeded in bringing him alright, it is stated that family troubles between himself and wife was the cause. Owens in turn denies that he took poison, he says that he was only on a drunken spree. He wanted to mop the earth with Logan Grundy, an attache of the Morning Standard, accusing him of being the author of of the item that appeared in his paper. Rev. C. J. Stanford, of the A. M. E. church, and Rev. Warfield, of the C. M. E. church, is out of the city attending conference. Mrs. Mahala Reeves, of Massac, Co., Ill., was in the city last week on a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Louisa Bradshaw. Mr. Thomas Glass will leave in a few days for St Louis, on a prospecting tour. Mrs. Nettie Jennings arrived home last week from a three months visit to points in Oregon, Wisconsin, and British Columbia. The seventh street Baptist church is holding a revival. Call on Minor Bradshaw, 419 Jackson street, and get The Freeman.

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SOCIETY MOVEMENTS.

Officers of The Republican Club Praised —Spoke to Crowded Houses.

Shelbyville, Tenn., Special.

A great many of the people of this place went to the Lewisburg fair last week. G. W. Doxey carried part of his store. George W. Brown was his clerk. They all say it was very dry and dull. The younger set of young ladies and gentlemen took quite a stroll through the groves, mountains and woods to the county house and other places of sight-seeing that would amuse their fancy, on the 7th. Mr. John Bell Gunter, the president of the Republican club, is a wide-awake, clever and polite gentleman. Mr. Jake Goldberg, the secretary, is the same kind of a man. Captain Cauch, the Republican candidate for the Legislature, is a clean man and will make a good race. Hon. James D. Richardson, the Democratic candidate for Congress, and Captain Schef, spoke to a crowded house on the 1st Lawyer J. C. McAdams went on the 1st to join his law partner in the City of Rocks. Mrs. George Wells is home again, after quite a stay with her father, mother and sister in Nashville. After being introduced by W. H. Gosling to the Douglass Literary Society, Dr. Brown came forth and held the audience spellbound for one hour and a quarter. The singing was grand. Dr. Turner. the president, expressed himself as being well pleased, and asked the Doctor to come again. Where is the man or woman that would refuse to give five cents for the Hon. G L. Knox's great speech, published in the Freeman of the 6th inst., when it is worth a hundred times that amount. Prof. R. P. Purdy was in the city on the 5th and left for Coldwell on the 6th. Miss Cindia Washington takes some very pleasant drives these mornings to her school a few miles out. Miss Annie Davis was in the city on the 5th and 6th. Messrs. W. M. Nowlen, Gilliland Cowan, Thompson A. Singleton, Crawford and many others are getting in shape for their night school. Miss Maggie Greer's birthday party was one of the grandest of occasions. Dr. F. L. Overton, will leave next week for school at Knoxville, where he will finish his studies. Rev L. N. Mery is in the city. The Hon. W. G. Hitt's wife died last week. Miss Maggie S. Gosling is on a visit in New York city. Get The Freeman at W. H Gosling's store. Miss Nancy Hart is at death's door. Mr. Sherman Chebron went to Lewisburg to a big dinner.

THE BRADLEY

Company Teachers' Institute—A Fine Meeting.

Warren, Ark , Special.

The Bradley company Teachers' Institute met at the public school building September 20th at 9 o'clock a. m. Mrs. N. J. Blackman, our worthy principal, who was appointed by the county superintendent to conduct the exercises presided with much executive ability. The meeting opened with prayer by Rev. H. D. Brown, pastor of the A. M. E church, which was followed by musical selections by Miss Ellen Jones. After a few brief remarks by the principal, the regular work of the Institute began in keeping with the printed program, from the State Superintendent. Review of principles and rules of arithmetic, was ably conducted by Prof. J. E. Swayzer. After the carrying out of the program for the first day, the teachers retired to prepare for the evening session, which commenced promptly ot 7:30 o'clock.

The exercises began by the reading of a paper on the Duty of the Teacher by Miss Mary Barnett, the paper was well prepared. Miss Dunton, of Richard Allen Institute, next read from manuscript her method in teaching primary work! The next subject was school morals, by Prof. J. S. Ladell, after which the Institute closed for the evening. Resuming its work the next morning commencing at the usual hour the next program was taken up, and each subject introduced by the conductor and discussed by the teachers. Having finished the program Mrs. N. J. Blackman gave a very instructive talk on the theory and practice of teaching. Giving her country cousins many new ideas as to how to interest and instruct the little ones. She was listened to with much pleasure by the teachers. The Rev. Lewis Johnson, president of the Richard Allen Institute, was introduced. This gentleman has always taken an interest in the education affairs of the country; the teachers have great respect for him, and are always glad to have him talk to them as he ever says something instructive and profitable. His lecture was principally to the teachers, he advised them to study that which was more benificial in developing the mind, and broading the ideas. There were in attendance many visitors and members. The Institute agreed to convene the next quarter at Warren, Ark., to which all friends of education are invited.

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Masons Called Upon to Act.

Kansas City, Mo., Special.

Blind Boon will perform at Allen Chapel on the 17th. For a first class meal don't fail to visit the Chicago Cafe, No. 805 Independence avenue, Henry Compton, proprietor. Prof. Pope rendered his grand exhibition at the Second Baptist Church on the 9th. For The Freeman see John T. Moreland, at No 709 Holmes street. Mr. Thomas McCampbell, our worshipful master, who has been confined by illness, is out again. At Rev. H. B. Parks' request, the young people of Allen Chapel have organized a literary society.

Dr. L. J. Hall, of Cairo, Ill., will come to this city to practice medicine. The Masons of this city should awake to their duty and see that the murderer of Mitchell, who was a Mason and a gentleman, is handled to the full extent of the law. This was a murder committed by a white man for no other reason than prejudice which existed. The Masons in Kansas City, numbering over 400, should do something.

Mr. Norman Merhall died Saturday, October 6. He was taken to Omaha, Neb., for interment, where his parents reside. The C. E. D. S. meets in Allen Chapel every Thursday evening. It is hoped everybody will attend.

The Tomb.

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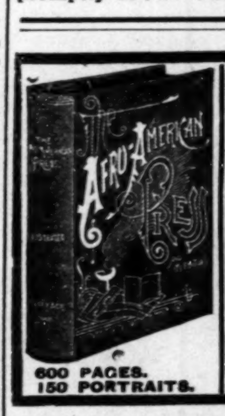

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